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## Four are held after factory stabbing



A FORMER rugby player and "guiding light" for Stourbridge Rugby Club died following a long battle against cancer.

Roger Parkes, aged 72, of Kidderminster, died peacefully in hospital on Sunday. He had fought the condition for two years. Mr Parkes leaves behind his wife Jean and children Russell and Sarah.

He had been associated with Stourbridge Rugby, working with both Saxons and Lions sides at the club, for decades. Members of the club and offi-

Roger Parkes

cials from the North Midlands Rugby Football Union paid tribute to a "giant of the game and true gentleman to the end".

Earlier this year the self-employed delivery driver had been honoured with the long-service accolade at the North Midlands RFU Volunteer Awards.

He played as a prop in Stourbridge's first team from 1958 to 1982, competing in more than 300 games. He was Colts manager from 1990 to 1996, served as club president in 1997 and

was the second team manager from 1998 to 2003.

Mr Parkes retained an active involvement with both the Saxons and Lions until the end of his life and was still match referee liaison officer for both.

Stourbridge director of rugby Neil Mitchell said: "If you talk about Black Country rugby then it was Roger Parkes. I have been associated with the club for 17 years and he has been an ever-present guiding light."

Chairman of Stourbridge Lions

Mick Hollis added: "Roger was always there to help. No matter what was needed he could always be counted on."

"He will be very much missed by all at the club. His achievements and kindness will always be remembered."

RFU council member for the North Midlands Steve Guy said: "Roger was fantastic company, immensely loyal and hard-working for the club he loved."

"The game has lost a true rugby giant. He was a gentleman to the end and I will miss him."

## Appeal to cut speed in the Old Quarter

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to cut the speed limit along some of the oldest streets in Stourbridge.

Residents in the Old Quarter say the 30mph limit is "inappropriate" because of the narrowness of roads.

They claim the problem is made worse by high levels of on-street parking that leaves even less room for cars to manœuvre.

Their calls on Dudley Council to reduce the limit to 20mph are supported by councillors for the area.

And Cabinet member for transport, Councillor Judy Foster, said: "The council will be considering the installation of a number of 20mph zones outside schools."

"This may not be appropriate or easily enforceable in other areas. However, we will have a look at the issues raised."

Resident Edward Davies, of Cobden Street, said: "For years the Old Quarter, with its narrow roads and streets, has endured this inappropriate 30mph speed limit."

"Increasing car usage, rat runs, congestion and on-street parking have replaced the era of horse and cart, bicycle and the occasional car more appropriate to this area. The current 30mph limit is simply not fit for purpose and should be replaced with a lower limit."

# ROBOT HEART OP FIRST FOR NATALIE

## Pascalle's home to be picture perfect



Pascale Bigot will turn her Stourbridge home into a gallery

FRENCH artist Pascale Bigot is opening her Stourbridge home for an exhibition in aid of charity.

A similar event last year attracted almost 400 people. Pascale, aged 49, has lived in the town for 16 years.

She will display more than 50 paintings, fused glass jewellery, vases, bowls, Christmas decorations, cards and knitwear at 70, Worcester Street, on November 2, 3 and 4 from 10am to 5pm.

Proceeds from items sold will go to a charity helping poor African women and children.

Pascale, married to technical manager Bruno, has three children - Juliet, 20, Clement, 18, and Cecile, 13. She teaches art for Dudley Council adult education department.

She said: "About 12 years ago I went to Senegal and visited tribes there and I thought we might be able to do a little something to help them.

"So we joined a tiny French charity called Grainde Sable, which is a group of about 35 people, and we send money to help children and women in various countries in Africa.

"Over the years I have paid towards different children going to school and some have now gone to university."

by Tim Spiers

PIONEERING surgery has enabled a Stourbridge woman to live her life to the full for the first time since she was born with a hole in her heart. Natalie Jones, aged 22, is the first person in the country to have robotic heart surgery that reduces recovery time from months to weeks.

It took place at the Heart and Lung Centre of New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, using a procedure Da Vinci robotic technology.

Surgeons carried out the open heart operation by directing four robot arms from a separate console.

The mother of two said: "To think that I'm up and about already is amazing."

The procedure is more common in America, where it was developed. Only two other hospitals in Europe, in Finland and Sweden, use it.

A tiny camera on the end of an arm gives surgeons unrivalled views of the heart, while surgical metal 'fingers' do the crucial work.

The sharp reduction in recovery time comes from only small incisions being made to enable the arms to gain access, as opposed to making cuts through the breastbone as is done in normal heart surgery which take longer to heal.

Surgeons Moninder Bhabra and Stephen Billing jointly carried out the two procedures last week - swapping over from console and bedside halfway through to share the load - and hope to do around 30 per year.

Mr Billing said they were pleased and lucky to have the opportunity to

use the Da Vinci system and to be able to offer it to our patients, who were given the option as to have robotic or regular surgery.

"You can't put a price on how quickly the patient feels back to normal," he added.

"With this reduced access procedure the pain settles very quickly."

Natalie said: "It wasn't an easy decision because it hadn't been done in the UK but I wanted to recover more quickly for my little son Dylan."

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Heart patient Natalie Jones

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## Graham's vase book on show

A WRITER, glass expert and broadcaster from Stourbridge will showcase his latest book at an event that is expected to attract thousands of collectors.

The National Glass Fair brings together glass dealers with its displays of decorative glass manufactured over the last 300 years. At the event at the National Motorcycle Museum, in Solihull, on November 11, Graham Fisher will be selling copies of The 2012 Portland Vase Project. He was asked by Stourbridge glassmakers to record their efforts to recreate the Vase.

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**Jailhouse rocks as town's new music venue opens**

The interior of the newly-opened Moochers Jailhouse

A LIVE music venue and recording studio has opened in Stourbridge bringing 12 part-time and full-time jobs. Moochers Jailhouse, which has been created at the former Conservative Club building, in New Road, was launched with an evening of live music on Saturday.

More than 100 people flocked in to watch performances from Wales band The Guns and Kidderminster band Mooch, which is the club's house band.

Co-director Ross Syner, aged 21, said: "These are exciting times. We've been speaking to a lot of people from the area and they say

a venue like this is needed. We want to put on original live bands for people in Stourbridge."

"There are a lot of local bands here but there is no clear circuit. A lot of bands have to go out to Birmingham to get a decent gig so this is about giving them something closer to home."

"We're lining up some good bands for the coming months so hopefully we'll get a lot of interest. We're not looking to take on pubs in the area, we love pub gigs, we just want to offer people something different."

The site has recording facilities and a live music stage for events.

**Funds for college to will help with sport**

STOURBRIDGE College has scooped funding to recruit a new member of staff to help get youngsters into sport as part of a £1.1 million scheme.

The "sport maker" will work at the college – one of 13 in the West Midlands that successfully made bids to Sport England.

It comes as the college invests £1 million in new equipment at its Oldswinford site and launches a new girls' football academy in partnership with Kidderminster Harriers.

A total of 11 staff members are being appointed at the chosen colleges – and the one at Stourbridge will work full-time.

Bosses said they wanted to help pupils of all abilities get involved in sport and use the new facilities.

The newly refurbished Centre of Sporting Excellence in Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster, is home to the Kidderminster Harriers Football Academy as well as students on foundation learning courses.

Lynette Cutting, principal at Stourbridge College, said: "We were delighted to have been selected as the only Black Country college to receive funding from this unique bid which most certainly will continue the legacy of the Olympics."

"We have already set up academies in boxing, golf, rugby, football and equine which are proving to be very popular with young people and school leavers – giving them the opportunity to continue with their education and get qualifications under their belt whilst they continue to play sport and keep fit and active."

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**Recycle centre will be closed**

A HOUSEHOLD waste recycling centre is to close for four days for maintenance. Stourbridge's Birmingham Street site closes on November 5 (6pm) as the access road will be resurfaced and road work done to help traffic flow more easily.

No waste can go in until it reopens on November 10 (8am). Councillor Tracy Wood, Dudley Council cabinet member for environment and culture, said the site would be more efficient. For information call 0300 555 2345 or visit [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk)

**2,000 oppose proposal for retirement village****Curtain up on young dancers**

All set for the limelight – the children prepare for their annual show

YOUNGSTERS from a Stourbridge dance school will step into the spotlight with their annual show on Saturday. The 90-minute evening performance promises a feast of ballet, tap, acrobatic and modern dance from the three to 14-year-olds.

John Ambulance at Vicar Street, Dudley. Raising a donation for this worthy cause has revived my memories of him and in this respect I suppose it's his show."

She added: "The children are very excited about being on stage. I'm sure there will be an awful lot of very proud parents."

Becky's School of Dance meets every Saturday at Hob Green Primary School, Hob Green Road, Pedmore Fields. The school can be contacted on 07592 725 147.

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## Tributes as 'Saint' dies at 52

FRIENDS and family of a Kidderminster runner known as The Saint because of his gentlemanly ways paid tribute to him after his sudden death.

Chris Hirst, aged 52, had gone for a run with a group from the Wyre Forest Hash House Harriers when he collapsed and died in a field at Stone.

The father of two had been due to attend his mother's funeral the following day.

His partner Denise Woodward, 54, who works at King Edwards College, Stourbridge as an administrator, said: "He had said he didn't really feel like going running but wanted to de-stress, thinking he was going to his mother's funeral the next day."

"He looked forward to going running and it was what he liked to do. He ruffled my hair and kissed me on the cheek and said 'see you' and I said my usual 'have a good hash greeting.'

Dr Rachel Ward, a 53-year-old GP and running club member, said: "Chris was called The Saint because he was just such a gentleman."

A funeral service is to be held at 1pm on October 26 at Wyre Forest Crematorium.

## Officer off to Tanzania

A CHILDREN'S officer for the Diocese of Worcester will be heading to Tanzania for a month to work in schools.

Emma Pettifer will be working with parishes and teachers on encouraging children's spirituality. The Diocese of Worcester has linked up with the Diocese of Morogoro in Tanzania.

Ms Pettifer will be spending a week working in African schools followed by three weeks travelling around the diocese.

She said: "I'm really looking forward to seeing what Christian children's work is like in Africa."

## Choir chief hunt

AGE UK Dudley has its own "Gareth Malone" to train its choir in songwriter, professional actor, playwright, composer and piano teacher Ray Curran.

People aged 50 and over go to Merry Hill Activity Centre on Thursdays to sing.

Call 01384 572365 or at merrymhillactivitycentre@ageukdudley.org.uk

## A final farewell to Dunkirk veteran Tommy



Joseph Thomas Phillips, better known as Tommy

ONE of the Black Country's last surviving veterans of the epic wartime evacuation of Dunkirk - Private Tommy Phillips - has died aged 93.

Joseph Thomas Phillips, known as Tommy, who saw out service from the beginning to the end of the Second World War, died from a heart attack as he went to bed at his home on Dudley's Russells Hall estate.

His funeral will be held on October 26 at 11.30am at St Barnabas Church, Russells Hall, followed by cremation at Gornal Wood and donations will go to the Royal British Legion. Mr Phillips joined the Ter-

ritorial with fellow footballing "mates" from Dudley in March 1939 because his mother thought it a good idea to "toughen" him up - and at least one of them didn't make it back from Dunkirk.

They signed up at the Army Recruitment Centre in Trindle Road, Dudley, for the 7th Battalion the Worcestershire Regiment B Company, later the 9th Worcesters.

Mr Phillips in 2010 told his Dunkirk story to the press for a special supplement commemorating the 70th anniversary of the evacuation of 300,000 British troops as the Germans marched into France.

He said: "We 'dug in' a gun pit with a French anti-tank gun, under the command of Captain Bradford, Dorset Regiment.

"After action we were ordered to pull back and later ordered to remove the breech block, to destroy the gun and bury it.

"On withdrawal, I passed by my school mate who I had joined up with, Les Taylor. 'Hello Les' I shouted, 'see you later'. But of course I never did, as Les never made it back." He said he escaped on the last destroyer that came in and it was dive bombed by Stukas.



Dunkirk veteran Joseph Thomas Phillips

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Knitting group is running again

A KNITTING group has been relaunched at a library following a successful run earlier in the year.

The Knit and Natter Group will meets at Stourport Library from 10.30am until 11.30am every week.

New members are invited to join the sessions which give people the opportunity to learn how to knit and discuss the subject with others. It is free to join. Knitters can bring their own needles and wool with them.

#### Mayor's insight into being blind

THE Mayor of Dudley got some idea of what it is like to be blind on a special visit to a borough charity.

Councillor Melvyn Mottram visited the Thomas Pocklington Trust as part of their World Sight Day event.

The day at the Mary Stevens Centre, Stourbridge, aimed to highlight visual impairment and the work which goes on to support people who have sight loss. The mayor took part in an experiment where he was blindfolded and given a series of tests.

#### Orchestra needs more oboe players

A CHOIR and orchestra is urgently appealing for oboe players.

Stourbridge Choir and Orchestra rehearses on Mondays at the Unicorn Centre, Bretell Lane, Amblecote, at 7.30pm.

The next concert is on December 8 at St Michael's Church, Norton, with Strauss waltzes.

For further information telephone Mollie Berry on 01384 373111.

#### Poster messages to raise funding

A HOSPICE in Worcestershire is encouraging people to save time and money this Christmas by using one of their giant message posters.

Messages can be written on the poster and a donation made to the St Richard's Hospice.

Call 01905 763963 for further details.

#### Appeal launch

THE Bewdley Branch of the Royal British Legion is launching its Poppy Appeal on October 27. A short parade will start out from Bewdley Guild Hall at 11am.

Messages can be written on the poster and a donation made to the St Richard's Hospice.

Call 01905 763963 for further details.

## Blaze of autumn colour as thousands head for canal



Canal boats look a delight among the autumn colours during the trust's open weekend



Joe Hollingshead, from Wolverhampton, on his boat



Alan Baker, of Brierley Hill with his 1929 steam roller



People mill around displays during the open weekend

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## NEWS

**THE BEST OF PETER RHODES**

FRIDAY was National Stockings Day. Thanks goodness it's over. I was so glad to get back into woolly socks.

**ANYONE** know the medical term for an irrational fear of being struck by Austrian stuntmen in space-suits falling out of the sky? Terrifying, isn't it?

SO SCOTLAND alone is to decide whether the United Kingdom should break apart. And if the Scots quit, but 10 or 20 years from now realise it was a terrible mistake, will the rest of us have a vote on letting them back in?

**OUR** changing language. An ambulance service press release tells us "the victim of an accident suffered injuries "that were incompatible with life." Or, as we used to say, fatal.

TWO elderly readers in quick succession report receiving letters posted in England but supposedly sent by someone called Li Wu in China. It's the old inheritance scam. Someone has died and left a huge fortune and Li Wu has been given your name as a trustworthy person who can help in tracing the relatives. They will pay you £1 million or so in commission. And all they need is your bank details....

**BUT** for sheer brass neck and unbridled confidence, this week's gold award for attempted scamming goes to the bloke in a call centre a long, long way away who, in an almost impenetrable accent, assured me: "Hello. My name is Harry Jones." Nice try.

I AM fully aware that duck is meant to be served pink. But when Nigel Slater stuck his fork into the glistening red flesh of his fried duck on his excellent Dish of the Day (BBC1, repeat), was I the only one expecting it to quack?

**NEWCASTLE** United has a new sponsor, the loan company Wonga. A reader asks, will the players be expected to go out on the pitch and give 1,471 per cent?

I TAKE voting seriously. I cannot see a polling booth without thinking of the beaches of Normandy or the battlefields of the Somme. But I will make one exception. I have absolutely no intention of voting on November 15 for a police commissioner. I do not like the notion of replacing a police authority with a single person. Inevitably, no matter how low the turnout, these commissioners will be elected. But the smaller the poll, the less they will be able to boast of their "democratic mandate". If their majority is counted in dozens, they might even bring that rare and precious quality to the job. Humility.

**IN THE** 40 years that Jimmy Savile was abusing a string of boys, girls, hospital patients and prison inmates while the authorities looked the other way, how many thousands of decent British citizens went through the costly, intrusive and utterly time-wasting business of passing a Criminal Records Bureau check?

WHY didn't more victims report being molested by Savile? The scandal reminds me of an interview I did some years ago with a woman who had worked with the stars. She told me of her career in the 1950s as a nanny in a succession of wealthy homes. One of her bosses was a famous comedian. She described, almost matter-of-factly, how he once entered the bathroom, dragged her out of the bath by her ankles and raped her. She did not go to the police. He was a rich, famous and hugely popular celebrity. She was just the nanny. She knew how the system worked. It is hard to imagine, only a few decades ago, the utter helplessness felt by victims of sexual abuse. Jimmy Savile understood it perfectly.

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**Call for answers over future of trust**

CAMPAIGNERS have demanded answers on the future of a trust fund set up to provide for good causes in Stourbridge.

The calls have been made because there are plans for an overhaul of community meetings.

The Ernest Stevens Trust was established in the name of the philanthropist who donated various

properties for use by the community.

These good causes include Mary Stevens Park and the Mary Stevens Maternity Home, now the base for the Thomas Pocklington Trust and Dudley Mind charities.

Members of Stourbridge Area Committee act as trustees of the fund. But the borough's five area

committees will be broken up under new proposals which will see the creation of around 10 community forums.

**Continue**

Norton Councillor Heather Rogers said she was concerned how the trust would be managed if the committee was broken up.

Councillor Dave Tyler, who is

leading the committee review, said: "Now is a good time to look at everything the Ernest Stevens Trust does because although I'm sure people have heard of it, not many will actually know what it does. The people have nothing to fear over the trust."

"It will continue to be managed in Stourbridge."

**Changes could be made to cut speed**

SPEED measures installed in Kinver could be altered a second time after residents complained of continuing traffic chaos.

Villagers have battled to get pinch points placed on the carriageway removed – claiming that they leave drivers confused over who has the right of way.

And traders say the High Street becomes heavily congested at delivery times as there is no space for lorries to pull in to drop off goods.

The High Street traffic measures were installed in a £900,000 revamp.

But Staffordshire County Council said it was planning to carry out an independent survey of traffic in the area to look at speed and volume.

Once this has been completed the authority will consider whether further revisions should be made to the scheme already in place.

Villagers have previously won a reduction in the number of pinch points at the Dunsley Road and Stone Lane ends of the High Street.

But they say further action is needed to deal with the continuing problems.

Trader James Hartland, of The Butchery, said: "The right of way is so confusing for drivers. It is only a matter of time before there is a serious collision if action is not taken soon."

**Bazaar event to boost hall**

A CHRISTMAS bazaar will be held in Stourton with visitors able to pick up a bargain in time for the festive season.

It will be at Stourton Village Hall, off Bridgnorth Road, on December 1 with doors open from 9.30am.

It follows a successful table top sale in October.

Cash raised will go towards upkeep of the village hall building, which is a registered charity with trustees solely responsible for its maintenance.

**£775 collected**

VOLUNTEERS have helped raise more than £775 for charity during a street collection in Stourbridge. Members of the Royal Naval Association Stourbridge and District branch held the event recently. In total £778.83 was collected to go towards the association's charity work.

**STAFF cuts mean train operator London Midland will have to install CCTV cameras to keep lifts in railway stations up and running for elderly and disabled people.**

The company, which runs lines between Kidderminster and Stratford-on-Avon and between Wolverhampton and Birmingham, has won approval from the Department for Transport to introduce reductions in staffing levels and ticket office opening hours for 86 stations. Many are in the West Midlands, including Stourbridge and Sandwell.

Because of staff cuts, lifts need to be turned off by the last worker leaving the building for safety reasons.

That causes problems for passengers wanting to use the three-levelled Smethwick Galton Bridge for example, when the station is not manned. Staffing hours are being reduced there from 6.09am to 11.37pm, down to 6.15am-1pm, Monday to Friday.

London Midland has confirmed it is in talks to install CCTV cameras so workers elsewhere can monitor the lifts in case of problems.

They could be kept open despite the lack of staff.

**Problems**

Passengers would operate the lifts, but camera operators would watch for problems or emergencies.

Richard Brooks, commercial director at London Midland, said: "As the lifts are owned by Network Rail we are discussing with them the best way to achieve this."

Smethwick councillor Roger Horton, the lead member for rail on the region's transport authority Centro, said: "You've got to ask what is the back-up. If it breaks down, where are the people to put it right? You could be stuck in there for hours."

Centro opposed the staff cuts. They were approved last month.

Traders said they were disappointed with the decision which they believed would increase the risk of accidents along the road.

Councillor Keiran Casey said: "Council officers have carried out an extensive study."

**Club celebrates a milestone**

Jamie Williams and Maddy Harris, front, with other youngsters at the club

AN after-school club with 40 young members has marked its 10th anniversary.

The 326 Club, named after its regular opening hours, was started by the community at Gig Mill Primary School, in Norton, Stourbridge.

Membership has grown and five staff help run the club, in The Broadway. Children

four to 12, celebrated by inviting their families in for cake and tea. Former primary school teacher Jackie Parmenter took charge eight years ago and the club now has breakfast and holiday clubs.

She said: "We are grateful for all the support from parents. We can't thank them enough."

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## Estranged wife broke into house

AN estranged wife broke into the home of her husband after their marriage broke down and stole personal documents useful for the divorce, a court was told.

Karen Sturmy called a locksmith to help her get in after her bid to drill through the front door failed, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The 51-year-old mobile beautician claimed she went to recover property belonging to their son, said David Lees, prosecuting.

Once inside the house in Windsor Close, Gornal Wood, Dudley, she looked for personal papers of her husband that might help her in divorce proceedings.

She took a driving licence, passport, personal documents and laptop.

Sturmy also took his Audi. She was identified as the main suspect as Mr Sturmy returned home after the July 16 break-in.

Sturmy drove the Audi to a police station to hand herself in the next day.

Miss Siobhan Collins, defending, said initially she went to retrieve goods of her son. Sturmy, now of Birmingham, admitted burglary and got a 12-month community order under supervision with 100 hours unpaid work.

## Scavenger hunt offer for children

YOUNGSTERS can join in a free autumn scavenger hunt this half-term. Wolverhampton City Council's countryside rangers are organising the event at the Moseley Valley Local Nature Reserve on October 30.

Children will be able to go hunting along the former Wolverhampton to Kingswinford and Stourbridge railway line and discover what can be found at this time of year.

The drop-in session runs from 10am to 1pm. People should meet at the restored station building next to the car park. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For details, call 01902 552351.

## Scheme grows

AN anti-metal theft membership scheme started by a Brierley Hill business in January has topped 1,000. Mason Metals' pioneering scheme offered customers the chance to volunteer ID and become a member after consultation with police.

# Fire crews' award for work in community



Award - Gavin Pardoe

STOURBRIDGE fire station was voted fire station of the year and a Dudley firefighter landed an award for his outstanding contribution at a glittering ceremony.

Up to 500 guests were at Birmingham's ICC for West Midlands Fire Service's Aspire Awards night.

Watch Commander Gavin Pardoe based in Dudley was among the winners. He has been instrumental in the success of a project to educate young children about the benefits of exercise and healthy eating.

Using his own time to discuss this

project with the council the project was created as a trial, with limited funding. But the determined firefighter has now managed to identify additional funding through the council to secure continued activity with schools. Mr Pardoe was given the Outstanding Contribution to West Midlands Fire Service award.

Chief fire officer Viji Randeniya said: "The project has been running successfully for over 12 months and is a testament to Gavin's perseverance. With the help of colleagues from his watch and other volunteers,

there is now a waiting list of schools wanting to be a part of the project."

The other big winner of the night was Stourbridge fire station, where crews took home the Fire Station of the Year award.

### Activity

Mr Randeniya said every member of the team there played their part in improving the safety of, and working with, the communities they served.

Its Blue Watch runs groups for children in the area, which include camping and activity days. Red

Watch is the lead for road safety initiatives in the area, identifying tasks and opportunities in the community.

Green Watch takes the lead on arson and anti-social behaviour, and works to identify derelict buildings so they can be made safe.

And White Watch takes the lead for children and young people, and undertakes visits to schools and colleges.

Mr Randeniya added: "I never cease to be amazed by the professionalism and commitment shown by our firefighters, staff and volunteers."

# Old ambulance base is to make way for new homes

**DEVELOPERS have been granted permission to demolish a former ambulance base in Stourbridge and build new houses in its place.**

The redundant station in Margaret Drive, Oldswinford, will be knocked down by Horgan Homes and Developments Ltd.

The station was put on the market for a price tag of £150,000 earlier this year as part of a shake-up of services across the Black Country. Other stations in Halesowen, Oldbury, Wombourne and Cradley Heath are also being sold off.

Proposals for four detached three-bedroom houses have been approved by Dudley Council. Planning officer Jenny North said: "This is a brownfield site located within an established residential area as such its development for residential purposes is considered to be acceptable."

In a design and access statement, submitted with the plans, agent James Stafford says the scheme includes a private access road, garages and parking spaces for the homes.

### Approved

The station was shut as part of West Midlands Ambulance Service's Make Ready scheme, which involves the creation of two new maintenance hubs operating 24 hours a day in Willenhall and Dudley, serving 27 community stations across the region.

Plans to demolish Halesowen ambulance station and build seven homes have also been approved by Dudley Council. The plans were put forward by developer Knarsborough Homes Ltd.

Meanwhile Kidderminster ambulance station will also be sold off. It will be replaced by three community bases and paramedics will collect their ambulances from either Bromsgrove or Worcester.

Bosses also plan to have open a community station in Stourport.

## Table top sale date

A TABLE top sale will be held at Stourton Village Hall near Stourbridge on December 1 to raise funds for the site's upkeep.

Items on sale include books, china, jewellery, crafts, preserves and needlework. Doors open at 9.30am.

## Youngsters on song for choir concert



Pupils from Stagecoach in Stourbridge were among the youngsters singing in the choir concert in the LG Arena in Birmingham

HUNDREDS of pupils and teachers hit the high notes at a giant choir concert.

The Voice in a Million concert at Birmingham's LG Arena last week included dozens of pupils from Bilston-based Green Park School, St Thomas More Catholic School in Willenhall and theatre arts school, Stagecoach Stourbridge, based at Ridgewood High School in Wollaston.

Pupils from Great Barr School and Shropshire Girls Choir also took part.

Wednesday-based Stuart Bathurst Roman Catholic High School pupils Mikhael Mala, aged 13, performed for the third year in a row as a soloist - singing the verses of classic Hallelujah in Arabic, before

the mass choir joined in for the choruses. The West Bromwich 13-year-old, whose mother Zara and father Abu watched proudly, said he was pleased to have learnt lyrics in another language.

He said: "It took me a few days. Arabic is a religious language for me and I can read it but it was a challenge to learn it and worth it for a good cause."

### Picked

Stagecoach principal Lauren Bradpiece took a group of 30 pupils to the event.

Three of her youngsters, 12-year-old Katie Stowe, and Chloe Rampton and Hannah Oakley, both 11, were among individual singers picked out to perform on the main stage. She said: "We really enjoyed it. Putting children together in a choir since January has been good."

Caitlin Jordan, aged 11, from Stagecoach, was delighted the concert gave her chance to sing one her favourite songs, Beautiful, by Christina Aguilera. She said: "It's been great."

Iris Madden, teacher and head of inclusion at Green Park, said pupils had been practising since September.

She said: "They've sung their hearts out at every rehearsal."

Voice in a Million is held to raise awareness of fostering and adoption.

## NEWS

### in brief

**Dealership group invests £350,000**

A CAR dealership group is spending £350,000 to give a major facelift to one of its sites.

Redditch Volkswagen is part of Stourbridge-based Trust Group UK.

The work will provide a new showroom. Bosses at the site at Park Farm South say it is business as usual while the work is under way.

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### Church in need of new helpers

THE hunt is on for someone to arrange flowers for Hagley's St John's Church, and to liaise with couples preparing to marry. Margaret Bruton, sacristan for the church, says she would like to hand over the task to someone new.

She is also appealing for more servers for the church. Anyone who can help can contact her on 01562 666115.

### Arrest made over indecent images

POLICE swooped on a flat in Stourbridge and arrested a man on suspicion of making or possessing indecent images of children.

The 30-year-old was arrested last Wednesday morning. He was released on bail. Eight officers from the specialist Child Online Safeguarding Team based in Birmingham were involved.

### Glass art show

WORK by resident artists at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone is on display this month. The annual made@the cone exhibition showcases hand-crafted designs. It runs until November 18.

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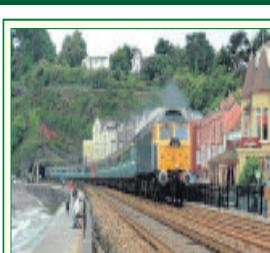
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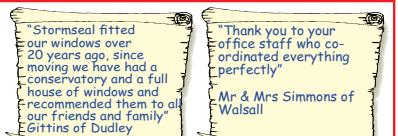


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## NEWS

# Football students look to tackle degree course

BOYS and girls at a new football academy could be the first in the West Midlands to graduate with foundation degrees – as well as the chance to be snapped up as professionals.

Kidderminster Harriers Football Academy, based at Stourbridge College's Centre of Sporting Excellence, kicked off in March and opened a new section for girls just last month.

The college is hoping it will get Government funding approval, through the University of Worcester, to launch a new foundation degree in football studies business management.

The two-year course, costing £4,500 a year, would be a passport for students to move on to a Bachelor of Arts in business management at the university.

"Our students live, sleep, eat and breathe football – but they can't all go on to become a professional footballer," said Stella Raphael-Reeves, Stourbridge College's director of sporting excellence.

### Gained

"If you think how huge the global football machine is now, there are many careers in UK clubs and around the world, in coaching, management and education and we can equip them for that."

Former Birmingham City player Jerry Gill, who is manager of the Kidderminster Harriers Football Academy and a newly-appointed scout for Premiership new boys Norwich City, said: "The qualifications gained here will provide a safety net for the students if they don't become pros or for after the end of their footballing career."

"I wish there had been something like it for me when I was growing up."

A total of 81 students, from all over



Stella Raphael-Reeves, left, and Anthony Mitchell with Josh Sarmento and Curtis Shields, back, Jerry Gill, Tyrone Williams and Daniel Gilbert the Black Country and Birmingham, currently attend the academy, based at the 40-acre former Brintons Field and Chain Wire Club in Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster. There are eight football pitches and the students turn out in leagues playing as Kidderminster Harriers Football Academy teams.

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# Book's thread weaves through the history of carpet industry

by Lee Watton

**LONG-lost factories which dominated Kidderminster at the height of its carpet-making industry are celebrated in a new book written to tie-in with the opening of the town's new museum.**

Former carpet worker-turned historian Mervyn Thompson has spent five years putting the volume together, in order to create a "virtual walk" around some of the town's best-known sites.

The book, called Mills and Tall Chimneys of Kidderminster 1850s to 2010, will go on general sale at Kidderminster Carpet Museum when the attraction opens on Saturday.

It has been written to complement the exhibits at the museum and more than 300 advance copies of the book have already been sold privately. Mr Thompson has been heavily

involved in setting up the museum, which is based at the former Stourvale Mill, Green Street. The history of the site is one of those detailed in the volume along with other factories, some of which have now been lost.

The mill, which is now owned by supermarket giant Morrisons and leased to the Carpet Museum Trust, was once owned by the Woodward Grosvenor firm.

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Among the lost factories featured in the volume includes the old Brintons factory, in Castle Road, which is now the site of a Tesco supermarket.

The factory, once the historic firm's main base of operations, once employed around 2,000 workers from the town.

Demolition of the large building started in 2000 which included work to divert the River Stour to accommodate the new supermarket.

All that remains of the site is the offices, in Exchange Street, which were built in 1876. The firm has only recently vacated this building.

Another well-known building was the former Carpet Trades (Gilt Edge) site where the Crossley Retail Park is now located. A modern frontage to the site was built in 1962 and again the site employed around 2,000 people.

The new building only lasted just over 30 years and was taken down in 1993. There is now no sign of the once impressive factory left in place.

Another site lost to history is the T&A Naylor building, in Green Street, which is now the site of a large B&Q store.



Mervyn Thompson with his new book looking at the well-known buildings of the town's carpet-making industry, outside the former Castle Mill, New Road

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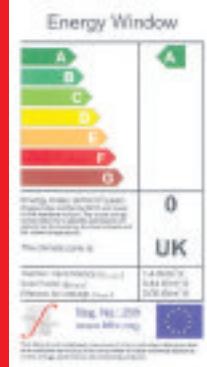
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#### LETTERS

## School reunion will span generations

I AM organising a special one-off reunion for our school called Elmfield School, Love Lane, in Stourbridge for September 14, 2013.

The reunion is in memory of all the teachers who have taught at the school and the reunion will span the generations as far back as some of the first pupils who were at Elmfield in the 50s.

We have been lucky with lots of people volunteering to pitch in to provide help with catering, and take pictures.

One has volunteered to make a special cake and some are happy to

provide live music for the day, and we are playing around with the idea of having an evening venue as well whether that is at the school or somewhere central to Stourbridge.

So far we have 120 people registered to come. That includes teachers who are going to be asked to speak about their time at the school.

At the moment this is not a ticketed event, but subject to a survey that is going around, we would ask for a donation towards the food and drink to cover costs.

The survey is also there to give those

who wish to share ideas the chance to help with creating the content of our reunion.

If anyone attended the school either as a pupil or a teacher and would like to join us they can contact me on gartner452011@googlemail.com, or visit us at a group set up on facebook called Elmfield School Stourbridge.

I hope this finds those who would benefit from joining us for this special day. I would kick myself, if I missed an event like this.

John Gartner,  
Hawthornbank Lane, Edinburgh

## This house needs work

IT was with great pleasure to read that Dudley Council are to spend £2.5 million on revamping empty council houses. There are several three-bed houses on Norton Estate one in particular in Westwood Avenue that has been empty for at least two years, maybe three. It is an absolute eyesore, from a well kept garden it is now overgrown and 4ft high, so here's hoping that some of this money will be spent on this house in particular to enable a family to settle and enjoy its surroundings.

PAT POOLE  
Westwood Avenue  
Norton Estate  
Stourbridge

## Just the ticket

I HAD to laugh when I read of the traffic wardens in Walsall wearing cameras. Were they also controlled by joystick from a hidden base somewhere in leatherland? Until now the USA was the world leader in attack drone technology. But it now looks like Walsall has got its own, more advanced version. V Cooper, Talbot Street, Stourbridge

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

## Any alternative view is now just bigotry

I THINK one of the most frightening statements I have ever heard was from Yvette Cooper when referring to Jeremy Hunt's view that the time limit for an abortion should be reduced to twelve weeks. She said she was "chilled and appalled" by his views.

One would think such dramatic phraseology would be better used towards someone in favour of increasing the time limit rather than reducing it. Which universe do these left wing lunatics inhabit?

The political class covered by EU counterparts are ready to mislead us yet again.

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# Finance chief who plundered cash from nursing home residents escapes prison



**THE** finance chief of a nursing home who raided savings set aside to buy toiletries for the elderly residents while plundering more than £20,000 from its bank accounts has been spared jail.

Debt-ridden Tracy Bennett moved almost £3,000 into a personal bank account to pay her bills and then fiddled the books in a bid to cover it up, a judge heard.

She forged signatures on receipts that suggested the money had gone on buying a specialist chair, paying solicitor's fees or other expenses for residents at Holbeche House in Wall Heath, Dudley. The 40-year-old single mother of twin girls also syphoned off a further

£17,545 paid by local authorities to cover the accommodation costs of people living at the home between November and this February. Wolverhampton Crown court heard on Monday. She joined the home in 2008 and worked her way up to become its administrator in charge of the finances. Bennett took cash from bank accounts of the nursing home that handled fees and the personal allowances of residents.

Mr Edward Soulsby prosecuting, said: "In the case of the allowance account she forged signatures on receipts to cover the expenditure while with the fees she relieved on councils not always being able to keep as close an eye on individual accounts as an immediate family." He added: "The allowance account contained

the benefit entitlement of residents to be used on toiletries, bus fares and such like."

Mr Bernard Porter, defending, said £8,500 found in her account had been frozen and she will face a Proceeds of Crime hearing. He added: "She was a trusted employee who buried her head in the sand as personal debts became overwhelming, then panicked."

Bennett, from Broad Street, Kingswinford, pleaded guilty to two charges of fraud involving £20,496 and was given a 42-week suspended jail sentence. Judge Martin Walsh said she had not been jailed immediately because of her health, children and previous good character. The home's operator said afterwards residents who suffered a loss would be reimbursed.

## Shops boss hits at development

BOSSES at a Dudley shopping precinct claim Dudley is not an appropriate location for two multi-million pound retail and leisure developments. Steve Carlin, director for London & Cambridge Properties, which owns the Churchill Shopping Centre, has written to Dudley Council objecting to plans.

Commercial Estates Group wants to build a £20million development. It wants to demolish Falcon House in the Minories, Avenbury wants to develop the largely derelict Porters Field site, which includes old office block Cavendish House in Trindle Road.

Speaking against Porters Field, he said: "Whilst LCP supports the redevelopment of this derelict and unsightly part of Dudley town centre and welcomes the development of a foodstore, it considers this is not an appropriate location for a non-food retail scheme."

## School's hi-tech centre is opened



Oliver Lucas, front left, and Danyaal Amjad, right, with Grace Elwell, back left, Rachel Hazelwood, head of English, Becky Johnson along with Nathasha Yaqub

STUDENTS are settling in to their new independent learning centre at Pedmore Technology College and Community School. Pupils have been flocking to spend time in the centre, which was officially opened by award-winning children's author Alan Durant.

There are computers, iPads and Kindles, books on MP3 players and CDs, a large whiteboard and presentation facilities and space to teach whole classes along with traditional reference materials, magazines and journals and books for loan.

Mr Durant was visiting as part of National Poetry Week and spent the day meeting Key Stage Three students to share his experiences and life as a writer.

He also gave a reading from his books and shared tips and advice on how to master creative writing and poetry.

David Kemp, college principal said: "Our new learning centre is part of our continuous improvement programme at Pedmore and is proving to be a runaway success."

## Fresh bid to restore landmark tower site

A FRESH bid to restore Sedgley Beacon Tower and open it to visitors has been drawn up.

Volunteers want to raise thousands to improve the landmark.

They plan on making it easily accessible to the community and showcasing its heritage.

An ambitious 10-year action plan has now been created and the Friends of Sedgley Beacon group is recruiting more volunteers to help make the dream become a reality.

Group treasurer Tony Cowell said their aim was

"to ensure Sedgley Beacon remains an inspirational space for people to celebrate and enjoy heritage, landscape and the natural environment".

Members want to restore the Grade II listed tower, which provides panoramic views across the Black Country and Staffordshire and install welcome signs with information about the site's past.

The work would include repairs to the steps in the tower. For more information about the group contact secretary Caroline Phillips on 01384 817490.

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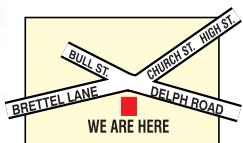
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## NEWS

# Trader is sentenced for £240,000 fuel duty fraud

A BUSINESSMAN dodged up to £242,000 in fuel duty by illegally selling kerosene as road fuel to cash-strapped Dudley motorists, a court heard.

Gavyn Roger Jewkes, aged 34, admitted making 20p a litre on deals between May 2008 and July 2011. About 400,000 litres of the heating oil kerosene was sold.

Unsuspecting customers bought the oil from a diesel pump at the Central Trading Estate in Shaw Road, Dudley.

The racket had been started by his late father but queues formed outside the "unofficial fuel depot" as news of the scam spread, a judge heard. The business had never had a licence to sell kerosene which, unlike diesel, does not have duty on it and can damage vehicle engines.

Jewkes was selling the fuel at around £1 a litre while legitimate diesel was on sale at up to £1.37 during the period of the scam.

Prosecutor Mr Stuart Clarkson told Shrewsbury Crown Court: "Word got out that it was on sale and a number of vehicles were stopped having refilled at that estate. They were found to have fuel in their tanks for which duty had not been paid."

Jewkes accepted responsibility for some but not all of the evasion. Jewkes, of Clayton Road, Dudley admitted knowingly being involved in fraudulently evading duty, and was given a 12 month jail term suspended for two years and 240 hours' unpaid work.

The judge directed a not guilty verdict on Jewkes's partner Emma Jones, 33, and also from Clayton Road, who had denied the charge.

## Santa needs helpers



Rachel Gresswell, Nora Blakeway, Father Christmas, Pcs Kevin McClenaghan and Bill Donnelly, Dave Gardner and Eileen Fielding

AN annual Christmas appeal has been launched for donations of books, toys and gifts for disadvantaged children across Dudley.

Volunteers hope to bring smiles to the faces of thousands of youngsters with the help of generous residents and community groups. Last year organisers of the Dudley Council Voluntary Service Ho Ho Hope Santa Appeal were able to deliver presents to 3,835 children. Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company is supporting the appeal by putting on a special performance of the pantomime Aladdin and the Magic Lamp at Brierley Hill Civic Hall in January. More than 600 free seats will be available for disadvantaged children. Anyone who would like to make a donation can call 01384 573381.

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# Delight as work starts to turn site of old foundry into £8.5m health centre



Worcester Street Surgery GP Heidi Kerr, fellow GP Simon Carvell, Graham Dearn, Dr Steve Mann, Paul Maubach and practice manager Cathryn Bateman

## Library is made more welcoming

DUDLEY'S 103-year-old library is now brighter and more welcoming to visitors thanks to a £208,000 makeover. The building in St James's Road attracts 5,000 visitors every week.

It has been decorated and reorganised to make it easier for people to find books, CDs and other items to borrow.

The library has more modern furnishings and new shelving has been blended in with the features of the listed building. It has been given new carpets and furniture as well as an extended floor space, improved disabled access, and updated IT facilities with free Wi-Fi. On the ground floor is an improved children's area, the tenants' choice showroom and new pods that replace the staff counter.

Fiction for loan and music and film are also available on the same floor. A new drop-in hub is on the first floor for customers to receive advice and guidance from NHS health Exchange trainers on a range of health matters, including help with giving up smoking and losing weight.

The changes made to the library come after customers gave their views about the kind of improvements they would like to see.

People felt the library needed redecorating and a better arrangement, with casual seating and more space to sit and read or study. The work follows recent improvements at the library including new lighting and updated computers.

### Replacement of hall is planned

### Drive to bring in councillors

PLANS to demolish and rebuild a village hall near Kidderminster have been lodged with council chiefs.

The proposals for Upper Arley Memorial Hall have been submitted to Wyre Forest District Council.

The timber framed single-storey building will be knocked down.

A village hall with a kitchen, meeting room and improved toilets and disabled facilities will be built as a replacement.

## Chance to take your ghoul for a night out

FUNDRAISERS can get into the spirit of Halloween during a charity bash in aid of a Black Country charity.

Witches and ghouls will take to the dance floor for the event in Gornal to raise cash for Beacon Centre for the Blind.

It takes place at Gornal British Legion, in Ruiton Street, on October 26 starting at 7.30pm. Fancy dress is optional but organisers hope people will get into the spirit of the night with some wild and wicked outfits. Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £2.50 for children and can be purchased in advance from Karen Gullick at Beacon Centre for the Blind.

Alternatively they can be purchased from the British Legion centre itself or on the door on the night. For further information call Karen Gullick on 01902 880111 or email k.gullick@beacon4blind.co.uk for details.

**A SCHEME** to transform the site of a Stourbridge foundry into an £8.5 million health centre has been officially launched.

Heath bosses gathered at the former Foster, Rastrick and Company site, in Lowndes Road, for a sod-cutting ceremony. The development, which will serve 26,000 patients, is being created by Worcester Street Medical Practice in partnership with Primary Health Properties PLC.

The ceremony marked the beginning of an 18-month project to create the new health centre, which facility is expected to open in early 2014. It will have space for up to 10 GPs. Members of the practice were on hand along with officials from Dudley



An artist's impression of the new centre

Primary Care Trust to see the first piece of earth being cut. The first phase will see the former foundry cleaned up and unwanted items from within the building removed.

Conversion work will then begin.

Dr Carol Griffiths, executive partner at

the practice, said both staff and patients were excited that the scheme would soon be a reality. "We will soon have a state-of-the-art surgery which will offer a full range of GP services to 26,000 patients," she said.

"There will be an enhanced nursing suite, minor operations theatre and a gym and rehabilitation area."

"This is an exciting development which will be an important part of the regeneration of this part of Stourbridge."

The Foster and Rastrick building was the birthplace of the Stourbridge Lion, the first steam locomotive to run in the USA.

Residents were calling for a new use for the site, which has been standing empty for more than 10 years. It has become dilapidated and a target for vandalism.

## Display to focus on historic finds

AN exhibition showcasing archaeological finds and stories about the history of Worcester will be on tour to Stourport and Kidderminster early next year.

The "Beyond the City Wall" exhibition was visited by hundreds of people when it opened in July at The Hive, a £60 million library and history centre developed by Worcestershire County Council and the University of Worcester.

The display brings to life Roman and Victorian Worcester and includes finds by the county Archive and Archaeology team and stories about times gone by collected by more than 100 local people and university students.

The exhibition will be at libraries in Stourport in January, Kidderminster in February and Bewdley next September.

Among items on display will be the "City Collection", a catalogue of historic documents and recordings of people's memories.

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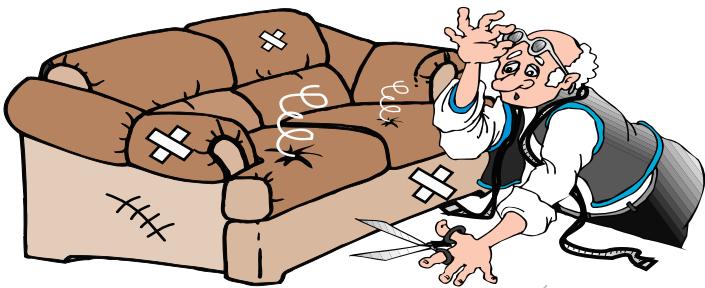
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## NEWS

# Meals help at hospital for elderly to increase

THE number of staff based at Russells Hall Hospital who offer help to elderly patients at mealtimes is being more than doubled, bosses have revealed.

An extra four nutritional support workers will be taken on at the Dudley hospital, taking the total to seven.

They will be employed on ward A2, which cares for general and stroke rehabilitation patients.

It is part of a set of priorities that health chiefs have drawn up for the coming year to improve the care that patients receive.

They say that patients on ward A2 often have complex needs and more staff are needed to help them choose food and get ready for mealtimes.

The workers will also help the patients get into a comfortable position for eating, and will even help feed them if necessary.

"Protected mealtimes"

by David Lumb

have also been introduced so there are no interruptions for non-urgent treatments, to make the atmosphere on the wards more relaxed.

Paul Clark, chief executive of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "The trust has increased the number of nutritional support workers from three to seven to help and support elderly patients."

"The patients on this ward often have complex needs and the role of the nutritional support worker is to assist the nursing staff."

### Coffee and cakes on offer

MARY Stevens Hospice will be opening to its Day Therapies Clinic (previously the Day Unit) on November 17 for a seasonal coffee morning from 10.30am until 1pm. People will be able look around while enjoying a cuppa and a slice of cake from hospice's homemade selection. Nursing staff will be available to answer questions about the care provided.

Peddling bikes for the last 30 years



Chris Hayes who is celebrating the 30th anniversary of his bike shop in Wall Heath

A BIKE shop is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a boost in sales following the country's Olympic cycling success.

Hayes Cycles was launched in Enville Road, Wall Heath, on October 20 1982 by biking enthusiast and former TV aerial fitter Chris Hayes.

Mr Hayes, now 65, said the business was "still going strong" and trade had been boosted further following Team GB's performance at this summer's Olympic Games. He said the sale of new bikes was up around 25 per cent compared to last year but the most significant increase had been in the number of old bikes being brought in for repairs.

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## NEWS

# Raging inferno engulfed car death man in field

## Being in finals is handy



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Gary Mills retrained to take up furniture restoration and odd jobs after being made redundant as head of purchasing in a bank nine years ago. He has never looked back since, starting up - Gmac - in which his

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Gary will be up against three other tradesmen in the Midlands final of the competition, to be held at Screwfix in Leek Road, Stoke-on-Trent.

AN elderly man died when his car was engulfed by a "raging inferno" after careering off a country lane and across two fields before coming to rest, an inquest heard.

It was thought 83-year-old Ronald Titterton, may have suffered a heart problem before losing control of the vehicle but it was not known whether he died before or after it burst into flames.

His foot remained down on the accelerator as the vehicle veered 175 metres across the fields, only slowing to a halt due to the crops in a cornfield.

A neighbour raised the alarm after seeing the vehicle become engulfed in flames in the field, between Northampton Lane and Woodhall Lane, Ombersley, near Stourport.

Worcestershire Coroner Geraint Williams recorded an open verdict at the Stourport inquest, saying he could not be sure whether death was from natural causes or accidental, although he was satisfied he had suffered some kind of "cardiac event".

He said the blaze had been a raging inferno.

Mr Titterton, a retired housing officer of Upton Lane, Ombersley, died in the incident at about 10.45am on June 28.

Home Office pathologist Dr Alexander Kolar laid the inquest he was unable to find a cause of death but Mr Titterton had "significant" heart abnormalities which could have killed him at any time.

Resident David Rigby said in a statement: "I could see flames started to take hold and dialled 999."

### Victorian craft invitation

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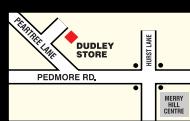
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## NEWS

# Stan's daughter backs fight for theatre

THE daughter of Stan Laurel one half of the legendary comedy duo Laurel and Hardy has backed plans to save the Dudley Hippodrome from demolition. Lois Laurel Hawes, daughter of the Hollywood star, says it would be a "tragedy" if the old theatre, where her father once performed with comedy partner Oliver Hardy, was lost.

The 84-year-old pleaded with Dudley councillors not to make the mistake of bulldozing the Castle Hill art-deco

style theatre. Dudley Council wants to demolish the theatre turned bingo hall and replace it with a 120-space car park but English Heritage and the Theatres Trust have criticised the plans.

Miss Laurel Hawes, who lives in the US, wrote a letter of support to the Friends of Dudley Hippodrome after hearing about their campaign. "I believe it would be a tragedy and a terrible shame if this happened," she said.

"I say that not only because my father and other famous stars appeared there but it would deprive the area of such a wonderful boost to the community."

She also welcomed proposals by the friends' to reopen the 1,700-seat theatre as a community arts venue and for touring productions.

"I am very impressed by the exciting plans for the future of the building which can make something the people of Dudley will be really proud of."

# Hippodrome campaign shows how it could be

THIS is the first artist's impression showing how a revamped Dudley Hippodrome could look.

Art deco features of the building would remain but new glass-fronted, entrance doors would be installed.

The Dudley Hippodrome name would also be reintroduced, prominently featured at the top of the Castle Hill theatre.

It has been designed to showcase the building, which campaigners believe could host touring West End shows before an audience of 1,700.

The Friends of the Hippodrome are finalising a costed business plan for the future. They are fighting to persuade Dudley Council to rethink its decision to flatten the building to make way for a temporary 120-space car park.

Friends of Dudley Hippodrome chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick says the design gives a glimpse of how the theatre could be modernised while retaining its traditional features.

"It is a good representation of what we want to do to bring the theatre back to life," he said.

"Of course the final designs and business plans are still being worked on and nothing has been confirmed yet



How Dudley Hippodrome could look.

Picture by Zyllah Moranne-Brown  
but I do like this design." A draft business plan will be going before Dudley Council officials within days ahead of another meeting to discuss their views on the campaigners' proposals.

More than 10,000 people have now

signed a petition calling for the landmark building to be retained.

Recently, around 60 people attended a public meeting at Dudley's Station Hotel to hear an update on the campaign.

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## NEWS

# Guideline over freeman rules to be worked out

## Veterans' annual reunion



Kenny Craig with Bill Fernay, 92, of Wigan and Reg Pearce, of Bradley ARMED forces veterans who served in the Far East gathered near Dudley for an annual reunion.

Around 40 members of the Far East Veterans Association arrived at the Himley Hotel, School Road, for a weekend of activities and entertainment.

The group has branches in Wigan and Luton but its newest member is from Wolverhampton. Reg Pearce, aged 83, from Ashfield Road, had heard about the gathering and decided to visit and find out more

A GROUP has been set up to hammer out clear guidelines for awarding civic honours after a decision to give comic Lenny Henry the accolade was delayed.

The working party of five councillors was formed to look at criteria for Freedom of the Borough and to agree possible changes.

It follows a motion to defer a decision on awarding the honour to the Dudley-born comedian at an extraordinary meeting of the full council. It was carried after concerns Mr Henry may not meet existing criteria.

The motion also looks for clearer guidelines to be agreed for use in the future.

Conservative group leader Councillor Les Jones, who put it forward, said that the newly-formed group would meet this week.

He hoped agreement could be reached in a single session to go back to the respective political groups for further discussion.

The aim is to have the findings agreed by the next full meeting of the council at the end of November where it will be confirmed if Mr Henry will receive the accolade.

Councillor Jones said: "I hope any agreements can be decided on that occasion. However after this whatever is agreed will need to be taken back to the individual groups for further talks."

"Whatever is agreed should be ready for the next meeting of the full council."

Councillor Jones stressed neither the motion nor talks were a reflection on Mr Henry but an effort to clearly set out guidelines for the future.

The comic has been put forward for the accolade for his contribution to show-business over three decades and his charity work with Comic Relief.

### Fun for young at library

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**NEWS****Verdict over jobs delayed**

A DECISION on new plans to transform a warehouse in Smethwick into a banqueting and community centre creating 30 jobs has been deferred.

New Heritage Ltd applied to Sandwell Council to turn the disused Downing Street warehouse into a venue to cater for up to 500 guests.

Plans were submitted earlier this year but a revised proposal, including parking and a 78-space overflow car park, were lodged with the authority.

The plans were recommended for approval but the planning committee opted to visit the site before deciding.

Will Charlton of agents Brook Smith Planning, said told the committee redevelopment would have a positive impact on the area.

**10-year animal ban for pair who kept dog on a balcony**

**A COUPLE who kept their dog on the balcony of their Wednesbury home for up to a week at a time have been banned from owning animals for 10 years.**

Carleen Abraham and Dale Reberir were also not feeding Banner the bull mastiff properly when the RSPCA paid visited.

The inspectors discovered the dog out

on the balcony which was covered in urine and faeces. The dog was also found to be severely underweight.

It was immediately taken to a vet and has since recovered.

Abraham, aged 25, and Reberir, 24, of Coronation Road, appeared at Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court last week.

They admitted two charges each of failing to ensure their pet had a suitable shelter, nowhere to sit and there was no sign of food.

Mr Richard Quinn, defending, told

the court: "These two people do not make a habit of getting into trouble."

Mr Roger Price, prosecuting on

behalf of the RSPCA, told the court that the charity had warned Abraham and Reberir about keeping Banner out on the balcony in March.

Two months later RSPCA inspectors returned to find him still standing on the balcony.

Mr Price said: "The dog had no shelter, nowhere to sit and there was no sign of food."

Mr Richard Quinn, defending, told the court: "These two people do not make a habit of getting into trouble."

"There was no cruelty directed towards the dog."

The court heard that Reberir had taken the dog from a friend who could no longer look after it. Mr Quinn added: "It would appear the neglect was over a very short time period."

Abraham was given a six-month supervision order, while Reberir was handed a 12-month community order with 100 hours of unpaid work.

The defendants were ordered to pay court costs of £250 each.

**Passengers facing delays**

RAIL passengers in the West Midlands face delays getting home over Christmas due to engineering works.

It means there will be no direct trains from London Euston to Sandwell and Dudley, Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Stafford on December 23 and 24.

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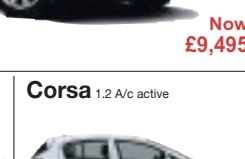


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**Town Hall comedy night**

Organisers councillors Elaine Costigan, front, and Olwen Jones, centre right, with committee members getting ready for the Black Country comedy gig

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Voluntary group Wednesbury Celebrates, trying to revitalise the Holyhead Road venue, has organised comedy act Black Country Boys to appear there tonight (Thursday).

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**Museum cuts to jobs defended**

THE chairman of the Black Country Living Museum Trust has defended plans to cut up to 70 jobs saying they must adapt in the face of "prolonged, challenging and uncertain" times.

John Hughes has written to a group who want to meet trustees to discuss controversial plans.

In the open letter to the group running the website Save the BCLM, he said: "A critical part of realising this potential lies in the museum going beyond simply being a purveyor of nostalgia, with history and the past seen as a safe haven in a fast-changing world, to creating engagement with audiences where history is not a retreat, but a catalyst.

"And while recognising and accepting that achieving popularity is very important to us and a major validation of what we do, it is by no means the only outcome we aspire to, when promoting the unique and powerful story of the Black Country."

"Nevertheless, in common with many organisations, in the public and private sectors, the museum – a self-funded charity – has to adapt in the face of prolonged, challenging and uncertain economic times.

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## NEWS

# 1,000 draw battlelines in row over quarry site

MORE than 1,000 names have been gathered on a petition as residents prepare to descend on a council meeting to fight plans for a recycling facility at a Dudley quarry.

The proposals for Ketley Quarry in Kingswinford are expected to go before planning chiefs in the coming weeks – heralding the next stage of a long-running dispute with residents.

Along with the petition, residents have written more than 350 letters of objection. And are considering staging a protest outside the planning meeting when the application is to be considered.

Bosses at tilemakers Hinton Perry and Davenhill insist they have always addressed complaints from residents and have co-operated with council officials.

Neighbours of the site have already called for council chiefs to measure the impact the site is having on the area. Operator WCL was recently given permission for vehicles to arrive at 7.30am instead of 8am.

But residents say trucks waiting to enter the site are causing tailbacks. It comes after bosses at the firm were warned by council chiefs earlier this month when lorries were caught entering the site before 7.30am.

Ward councillor Patrick Harley said: "The road outside the site just can't cope with any more traffic."

Alex Patrick-Smith, managing director of Hinton Perry and Davenhill, said Councillor Harley and local residents were trying to "get in the way of the growth of business".

### Teller of tales at centre

STORYTELLER Ben Haggarty will be entertaining families at half term with celebratory tales in Worcestershire.

He will be telling stories associated with the Mexican version of the Halloween festival, Las Dias de los Muertos. He will be at Bishops Wood Centre at Stourport on October 27 between 2pm and 4pm. Visit: [www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk](http://www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk).

## Camera club hits 106



Photographic club members enjoy their annual dinner at La Brasserie

CELEBRATING its 106th anniversary this year, Kidderminster Camera Club is one of the area's oldest and best-known groups.

Members gather at St Barnabas's Community Hall every Monday between September and June to discuss new photography techniques and compare images.

Over the past two years, the club has seen its membership increase from around 25 to 50 members – the majority of them women.

Alongside its regular meetings, the group stages internal and external competitions with an annual exhibition held at Kidderminster Library's gallery every February.

Most recently, the club held a competition focused on Kidderminster's heritage which will be displayed at

the town's new carpet museum. Talks and tutorials are staged as part of its regular meetings. The club was formed as the Kidderminster and District Photographic Society in 1906 with the first meeting held at the Coffee Tavern in Vicar Street on October 26 of that year.

Its first public exhibition was in March 1909 and featured more than 100 pictures. By the 1930s, the society had more than 100 members. During the Second World War the group met in the Kingsley Buildings in Vicar Street.

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## NEWS

**Lexey-Rae is a great addition**

Betty Rock with, clockwise, son John Rock, granddaughter Tracey Evenson, great grandson Steven Bodman, 26, and great-great granddaughter Lexey-Rae

BETTY Rock's family, already spanning five generations, has just welcomed the latest addition - tiny Lexey-Rae.

It means the 90-year-old former wages clerk from Fairbourne Avenue, Rowley Regis, now has two great-great-grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, five grandchildren and two children.

With nine weeks to Christmas, Betty's granddaughter Tracey Evenson, herself now a grandmother-of-two, said they were bracing themselves for a busy festive period. "We'll have to play it by ear," said the 46-year-old care home manager from Thorne Road. Lexey-Rae, daughter of Tracey's son Steven, was born at City Hospital.

Mrs Evenson added: "We're all delighted about Lexey-Rae. She is absolutely beautiful. It was a bit strange being called a nan when my other son had his first girl a year ago but I'm getting used to it now."

**Shop opening a triumph for Dragons' Den reject John**

A BUSINESSMAN from Dudley is preparing to open a shop selling an anti-ageing product that was dismissed by the BBC's Dragons' Den team but is now making him £500,000 a month.

The unit will be unveiled by John Richardson in Brierley Hill High Street.

It will sell products which are made by his firm Richibrown, including the Organic Natox Cream, which he says is a natural alternative to having botox.

Mr Richardson has also been offered a regular slot on shopping channel QVC in Canada, France and Germany, while he is also in talks over becoming a business advisor on ITV's Daybreak programme.

The Dragons' Den judging panel featuring Duncan Bannatyne and Deborah Meaden turned down the entrepreneur on the show last year.

But worldwide sales of the £90-a-bottle cream are bringing in thousands for the 39-year-old, of Dudley Road, Halesowen.

The product has a £2.5 million turnover and is on



John Richardson

sale in 18 countries. Now final building work is being carried out at the new unit, alongside the offices where he is based next to Pulse nightclub.

Mr Richardson, a father of two who grew up in Pedmore and went to Pedmore Technology College, said: "In some ways I'm more excited about opening a shop in Brierley Hill than I am about the TV deals.

"It's been a rollercoaster."

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## CLUB NEWS

Chocolate  
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for bazaar

### WORDSLY 'M' TWG

THE October meeting was opened by chairman for the day Wendy Lloyd. Minutes of the previous group meeting, were signed and treasurer Josie Bunn gave a detailed accounts review.

Details of the Federation Christmas carol service on December 8 at St Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, were given by Federation representative Ann Birchell.

The next Lunch Club meeting will be on Monday November 5 at The Hollybush, Penn at noon. The Christmas meal is at Best Western Hotel, Himley, on Monday December 3.

Christmas Carol the musical will be performed at Brierley Hill Civic Hall from November 6 to 10.

There followed a harvest sale of vegetables, fruit and plants.

Donations of chocolate items were received for the annual Christmas bazaar of the Community Association, to be held on November 24, for a 'prize every time' chocolate stall.

Rosemary Skidmore collected members' subscriptions for the Community Association 200 club.

The next group meeting will be at 10am at Wordsley Green Community Centre on Monday November 19 when Ian Bott will give an illustrated talk about 'Lost Mansions of the Black Country'. Visitors will be made welcome at a cost of £2.50, members £1.

## Flag flying high at remembrance site



Lynne Tuckley and Jacquie Gray, SI Cannock & District, planting bulbs at the NMA

### CANNOCK SOROPTIMISTS

nity to visit the Soroptimist plot, the only place in the world where the Soroptimist flag flies constantly, as well to visit other emotive plots at the NMA.

The day ended with a friendship tea. Now everyone is looking forward to visiting again in the spring to see the fruits of their labour.

## Guild moves to new venue

### WEDNESBURY TWG

GUILD members enjoyed the talk by Margaret Smallman about her childhood spent in a corner shop.

For the August meeting, members were requested to bring along a photograph of themselves from their younger years.

It was more difficult than expected to

recognise each other, but created a deal of laughter.

The annual afternoon tea was a great success. Funds were boosted, enabling grants to be considered for local charities.

The September meeting was also enjoyable. The committee organised a Ploughmen's supper and guild members contributed home produce for an auction.

From the next meeting, November 1, the guild will be moving to The Wesley Centre, Spring Head.

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**NEWS**

# 'Despicable' home help stole £400 from woman

## Delight over SVR shares



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BOSSES at are delighted that the Severn Valley Railway has raised £500,000 since launching its share offer at the start of the month.

Steam enthusiasts from across the country have been busy snapping up shares after the £3million scheme was unveiled.

Money raised will be used to fund restoration work to revamp stations

and pay for maintenance work. Many people signed up to the share scheme at the annual shareholders' and members' event recently.

Three million shares at £1 each were made available to raise the money to build the station gateway and spectator gallery at Bridgnorth railway station and create a heritage engineering and training academy.

A "DESPICABLE" home help stole £400 from a vulnerable 84-year-old pensioner at her Halesowen care home.

Mother-of-two Samantha Bowater, aged 32, befriended June Sidaway at Margaret Vine Court in order to steal the cash, a court heard.

Handing her a 32-month suspended sentence the judge at Wolverhampton Crown Court said her crimes were "thoroughly mean and despicable".

Bowater, of New John Street, Halesowen, went to Mrs Sidaway's flat on February 18. The defendant's own grandmother also lived there the court heard.

Prosecutor Mr Nicholas Smith said, the defendant searched through drawers and even made coffee for her and Mrs Sidaway.

"The victim then saw her take something from a drawer, which it transpired was £400."

CCTV footage identified Bowater, who admitted to going inside the flat but initially denied burglary and theft. She later pleaded guilty to both charges September 12, the day of her proposed trial.

Mr Robert Cowley, defending, said: "Over recent times she had problems with debt and ill-health and had relapsed into taking drugs. Her offending was due to an underlying problem with drugs and she has since done everything she can to address that."

Judge Martin Walsh ordered Bowater to undertake a drug rehabilitation requirement for 12 months and be placed under a two-year community order, as well as completing 200 hours of unpaid work.

### Celebrity introduction

ITV weather presenter Emma Jesson will introduce a long-range business forecast for Worcestershire. Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership will detail its plans for the future at its Mid-Term Conference on November 9 in The Pitch View Suite at Worcester Warriors Stadium. To register go to [www.eventelaphant.com/wlebright](http://www.eventelaphant.com/wlebright)

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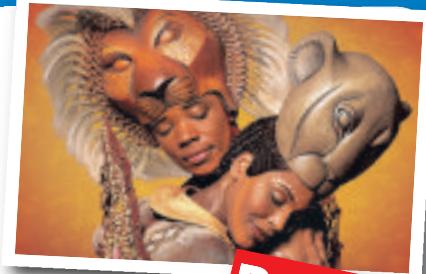
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James Martin says: "I love visiting the BBC Good Food Show Winter every year. It's great to catch up with old friends but on top of that there is such a wealth of producers and exhibitors to choose from that I never fail to find something to make my Christmas a little bit different every year."

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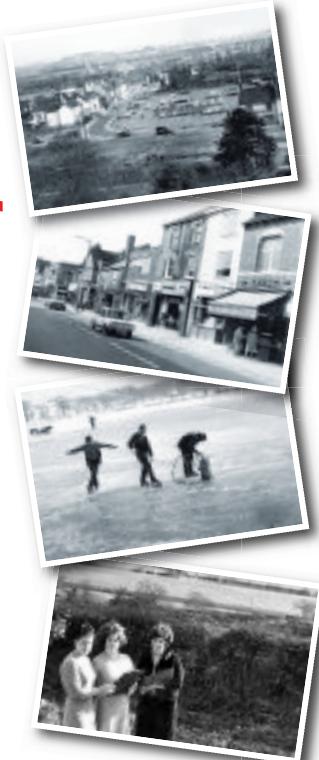
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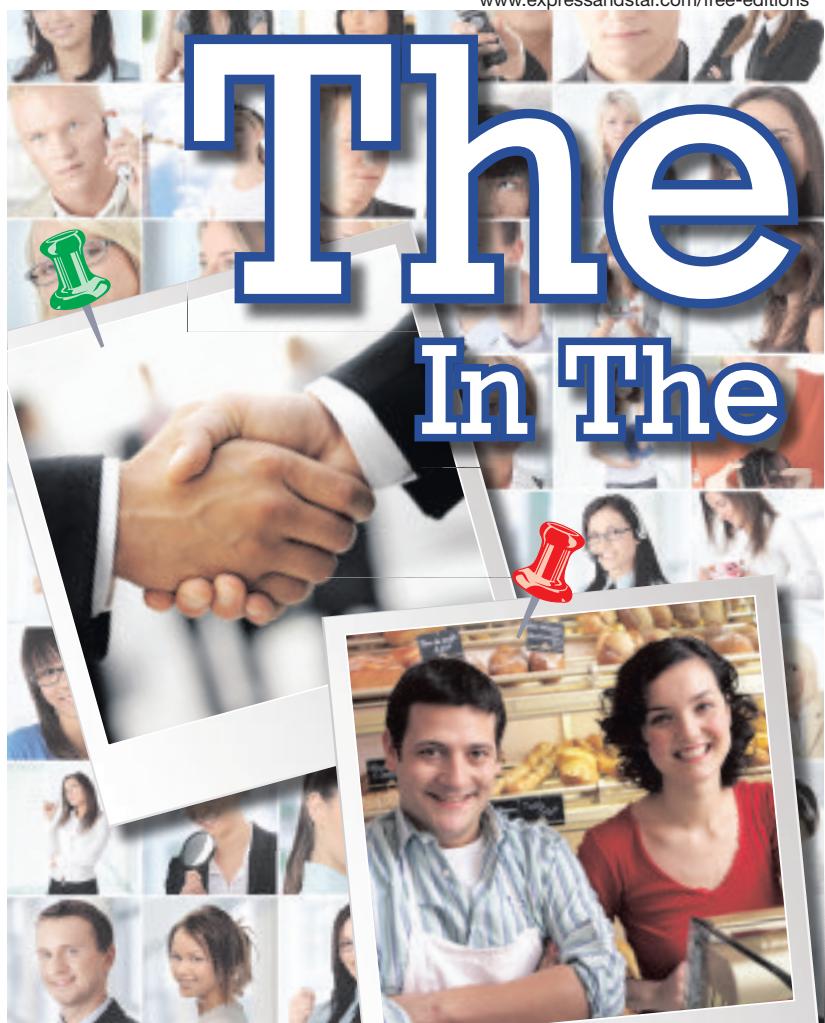
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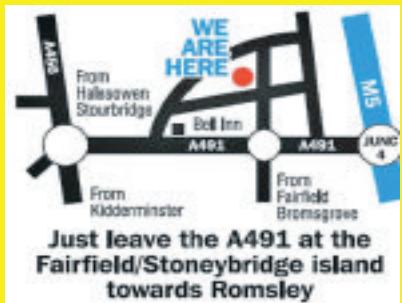
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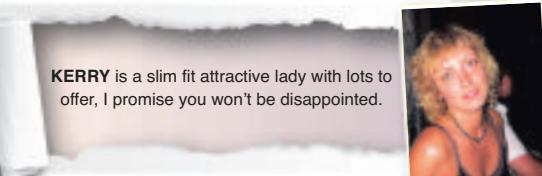
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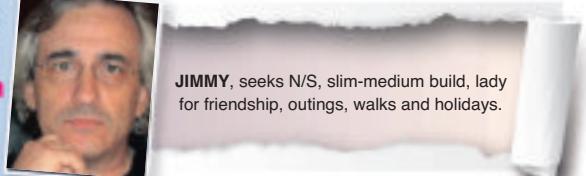


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# What's On! Stourbridge

## Performance has plenty of meat

A Meat Loaf tribute band will be playing in Stourbridge this Halloween.

Meat Loaf will be at The River Rooms, in Mill Race Lane, on Saturday from 7.30pm to 2am.

The event promises to be a night of 'brilliant' musicians, brilliant vocals and brilliant atmosphere'.

It has been described as a must for any rock fan.

Tickets, priced at £8, are available by calling 01384 397177.

## Having a laugh at the town hall

A COMEDY night will take place at Stourbridge Town Hall next week.

Kum-n-avaloff will be held at the venue on November 1 at 8pm.

The show has featured Alan Carr, Patrick Monaghan and Reginald Hunter.

Curry and rice will be served during the interval. Tickets are available by visiting the website www.dudley.gov.uk

## Dates set for Blood Brothers

THE musical drama Blood Brothers will be performed at Stourbridge Town Hall next month.

The show, written by Willy Russell will take place at the venue from November 24 to 26 from 7.30pm.

Tickets, priced from £7 to £10, are available by calling the box office 01384 812960.

# Those dancing feet are heading for 42nd Street

**WEST End stars Marti Webb and David Willetts will be leading the cast when classic American musical 42nd Street rolls into Wolverhampton next week.**

This is the latest revival of the ever-popular 1980s musical based on a movie from the golden age of Hollywood, telling the story of Peggy Sawyer, a chorus girl who suddenly becomes star of a Broadway show.

The show features such songs as Keep Young and Beautiful, I Only Have Eyes For You, Lullaby of Broadway, We're In The Money and the famous title song.

It conjures up the heyday of the spectacular musical with tap-dancing chorus lines, glamorous costumes and Busby Berkeley style choreography.

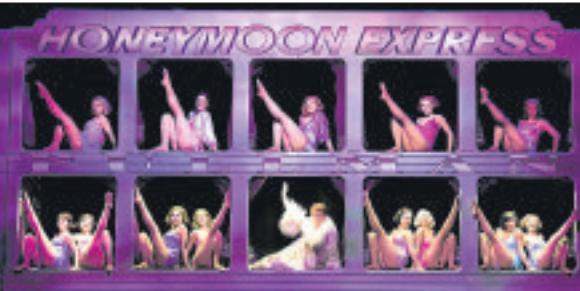
Jessica Punch plays Peggy, the young actress who takes over when the veteran leading lady, played by Marti Webb, is indisposed. David Willetts is the hard-pressed director.

42nd Street is at the Grand from Tuesday, October 30, to November 3.

Another leading West End lady, Ruthie Henshall, showcases her talents in her afternoon Sound of Musicals concert, from 3pm, on Sunday, November 4, at Birmingham Town Hall.



A spectacular chorus line number from the Broadway musical 42nd Street



Express delivery - 1930s glamour in 42nd Street, due at the Grand Theatre

## Blaze back as rockers recall the glory days

HEAVY metal band Wolfsbane will be rocking the Robin 2 in Bilston on Saturday, as part of their Save The World Tour.

The veteran rockers from Staffordshire - who were signed to Rick Rubin's Def American label - will be selling a limited edition CD at the gig. Recorded in 1993, 'The Lost Tapes (A Secret History)' contains an early version of their third album, plus extra tracks.

The band formed in 1984 but singer Blaze Bayley left to join Iron Maiden 10 years later. Following the release of their eponymous third album, the band realised they had lost their live studio recording of it.

Guitarist Jase Edwards said:

"It's thrilling to have found it again and it sounds even better than we remembered it."

Blaze is back with Jase, bassist Jeff Hately and drummer Steve 'Danger' Elliott, reunited at the Robin 2. Tickets £13.50 on the door.

## Talking about Who's Next

**THE** Who tribute band Who's Next will be playing in Stourbridge on Sunday.

The band will be at The River Rooms, in Mill Race Lane, on October 28 from 7.30pm. The group aim to recreate the band with authentic stage wear and instruments.

A Kings of Leon tribute band will rock the house in next month. The Kings Of Leon will play at The River Rooms, on November 2 from 7.30pm to 2am.

The band claims to have established itself as the number one UK tribute act. Its set includes Use Somebody and Sex on Fire.

Tickets for both bands are on 01384 397177.

## Treat in store at shopping centre

A TRICK or treat event will take place at Stourbridge Ryemarket shopping centre on Saturday.

Youngsters and parents can enjoy a day of spooky storytelling and follow a trick or treat trail around the centre. Storytime sessions will run at 10.30am, 11.45am and 1.45pm. Trick or treat trials start at 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm.

## One-man Neil

NEIL Innes performs a wry, poignant, humorous and topical one-man show in Stourbridge on October 30. The man, made famous for his work with Monty Python, will be on stage at the Town Hall at 8pm. Tickets, priced at £15, are available by visiting www.dudley.gov.uk

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## What's On!

### SATURDAY'S TV 27.10.12

#### CHOICE



Janet Montgomery

#### BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nipalissima. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Formula 1: Indian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. **2.15** Live International Rugby League. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **5.40** Pointless Celebrities. **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing. The judges are forced to take part in a spooktacular routine in a Halloween special, with the judges deciding who was frightfully good and who was awfully bad. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.

**8.20** Merlin. Morgana uses her magic to lure Arthur to his death – a deception so powerful the whole of Camelot – even Merlin – is taken in.

**9.05** Casualty. The decision to go public with the E-coli outbreak leads to an influx of panicking patients, while Tom and Sam get closer at the staff Halloween party.

**9.55** The National Lottery Saturday Night Draw. OJ Borg presents live from National Lottery HQ as the all-important winning numbers are revealed. Includes the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

**10.05** BBC News: Weather.

**10.25** Match of the Day. Including highlights of Arsenal v Queens Park Rangers; National Lottery Update.

**11.45** The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

**1.00** Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

#### BBC2

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Animal Park. (R) **1.00** Film: The Importance of Being Earnest. (1952) **2.35** Film: Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont. (2005) **4.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.15** Wartime Farm. (R)

**6.15** Flog It! Gold sovereigns and 18th-century bottles are among the items the team discovers in Melksham, Wiltshire, and Martin delivers a lesson using a horse-drawn dray. (R)

**7.15** The Spitfire: Britain's Flying Past. John Sergeant celebrates the Spitfire by charting the history of the fighter plane from its creation to its withdrawal from service. (R)

**8.15** Dad's Army. Mainwaring becomes the commanding platoon to guard the bank's money until repairs on the bomb-damaged vault are completed. (R)

**8.45** QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz, with Shappi Khorsandi, Ross Noble, Johnny Vegas and Alan Davies answering questions about the world of journalism.

**9.30** The Bank Job. A cut in police numbers creates a huge backlog of paperwork, and Malcolm suggests that Dan Miller is sent on a fact-finding mission to a police station. Last in the series.

**10.00** Family Guy? What Sitcoms Say About America Now.

**11.00** Film: Kill Bill: Vol 2. (2004) Thriller sequel, starring Uma Thurman, David Carradine and Daryl Hannah.

**1.10** Film: The Beast in the Cellar. (1970) **1.35** (GMT) Close. **4.30** Live MotoGP.

#### ITV1

**6.00** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** Dinner Date: Australia. **12.15** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.15** Holiday Home Sweet Home. **2.15** Holiday Home Sweet Home. **3.15** Film: Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope. (1977) **5.40** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.50** ITV News: Weather.

**6.05** The Golden Rules of TV. New series. Robert Webb narrates a trip through 60 years of archive footage as some of the small-screen's biggest names reveal the dos and don'ts of making great TV.

**6.35** New You've Been Framed! A British selection of comical clips.

**7.05** Take Me Out. A telesales worker, an electrician, a cage fighter and a broker try to impress 30 single women and win a date to the Isle of Fernando. Paddy McGuinness presents.

**8.20** The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary hosts the fourth live studio round as the 10 remaining contestants try to get one step closer to that life-changing recording contract. The results are tomorrow at 8pm.

**10.15** The Jonathan Ross Show. With Kylie Minogue and Bear Grylls.

**11.15** ITV News: Weather.

**11.30** Film: Dante's Peak. (1997) Disaster movie, starring Pierce Brosnan.

**1.25** The Store. ITV News Headlines. **2.25** (GMT) Ladette to Lady: Australia. **3.15** (GMT) Nightscreen. **5.30** (GMT) ITV Morning News.

#### CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treadie People. (R) **6.10** The Hoods. (R) **6.35** British Rallycross. **7.00** FA GT1 Championship. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Skylift: T4 Movie Special. **9.25** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.30** T4: Revenge. **11.25** T4: Suburgatory. **11.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **3.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.20** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

**6.00** Come Dine with Me Down Under. Ammie Markus hosts the final party of the week.

**6.25** Channel 4 News.

**6.55** 4though.it. A Muslim who believes Britain is less tolerant of religion than America.

**7.00** River Cottage: Three Go Mad. Chefs Robert Webb and Lee Mack. (R)

**8.00** Comedy World Cup. David Tennant hosts the final of the comedy quiz as Jason Manford, Paul Chowdhry and Nicholas Parsons take on Johnny Vegas, Josh Widdicombe and Mick Miller. Last in the series.

**9.05** Film: The Team. (2010) Premiere. Four soldiers jailed for a crime they did not commit escape from prison and plan to track down the culprit. Action adventure, starring Liam Neeson and Bradley Cooper.

**11.25** Film: Boomerang. (1992) Romantic comedy, starring Eddie Murphy.

**1.35** Film: Birth. (2004) **2.15** (GMT) Hollyoaks. **4.20** Countdown. **5.05** Deal or No Deal. (R)

#### CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake. **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** How Do They Do It? (R) **11.50** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **12.50** Film: The Gun Hawk. (1963) **2.40** Film: The Black Horse Castle. (1981) **4.30** Film: Man Without a Star. (1955)

**6.15** 5 News Weekend.

**6.20** Film: Last of the Dogmen. (1995) A bounty hunter searching for three escaped prisoners encounters a secretive Cheyenne tribe in the Montana wilderness. Modern-day Western, starring Tom Berenger and Barbara Hershey.

**8.30** Film: Joe Kidd. (1972) A bounty hunter hired by a greedy businessman to capture a Mexican rebel comes to question his employer's cruel methods. Western, with Clint Eastwood, Robert Duvall and John Saxon.

**10.15** CSI: Miami. Horatio and the team investigate the murder of an accountant and discover he was about to expose improper business practices within his company.

**11.15** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team is called to a wedding reception where the bridegroom's mother has been found dead. (R)

**12.15** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** (GMT) House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Activity Holidays. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

#### DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes  
**8.00** Top Gear. **9.00** Live at the Apollo. **9.30** Russell Howard's Good News Extra. **10.15** Film: Halloween H2O (1998) **11.35** Family Guy  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Human Planet. **8.00** What Makes Us Clever? The Horizon Guide to Intelligence. **9.00** Inspector Montalbano. **10.55** Voyager: To the Final Frontier. **11.55** Order and Disorder with Jim Al-Khalili  
**ITV2**  
**3.25** The X Factor USA. **6.20** Film: Garfield (2004) **8.00** Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005)  
**10.15** The Xtra Factor. **11.15** Take Me Out – The Gossip. **5.50** ITV2 News Extra  
**ITV3**  
**3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple. **6.00** Murder, She Wrote. **7.00** Foyle's War. **9.00** The Suspicions of Mr Whicher. **11.00** The Crime Thriller Awards 2012  
**ITV4**  
**2.50** Film: The Rawhide Years (1956) **4.40** Film: The Last Sunset (1961) **7.00** The Sweeney. **8.00** River Monsters. **9.00** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **11.00** Film: Blues Brothers 2000 (1998)  
**E4**  
**3.00** Made in Chelsea. **4.00** Revenge. **5.00** Bargains. **6.00** How I Met Your Mother. **7.00** The Big Bang Theory  
**8.00** Rules of Engagement. **9.00** Big Fat Quiz of the 80s. Jimmy Carr grills celebrities on decades gone by, beginning with the 1980s. **10.45** Film: Predator 2 (1990) Sci-fi sequel, starring Danny Glover.  
**Film4**  
**2.55** Doctor Dolittle (1967) **5.50** Australia (2008) **9.00** The Women (2008) Comedy drama remake, starring Meg Ryan and Annette Bening. **11.15** Mirrors (2008)

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**What's On!****SUNDAY'S TV 28.10.12****CHOICE****Andrew Marr****Andrew Marr's History of the World****BBC1, 9pm**

You've got to hand it to the journalist and political commentator Andrew Marr, he's approached his latest task – to chart the entire history of the world in a few hour-long documentaries – with aplomb. He's had a lot to cover, and for reasons of practicality we would have forgiven him had he brushed over a few facts – yet so far, his series has been pretty comprehensive. This week, he turns his attentions to the age of revolution between the 17th and 18th centuries, when the War of Independence raged in America.

**BBC1**

**6.00** (GMT) Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **8.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.05** Formula 1: Indian Grand Prix Highlights. **3.45** Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) **4.45** Points of View. **5.15** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) **6.05** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

**6.30** **Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury explore Anglesey.

**7.20** **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Another couple perform their last dance.

**8.00** **Antiques Roadshow.** Objects valued at St Andrews University in Scotland include a miniature Japanese sofa and chair set for a few pence and a toy collection that inspired the owner to become a pilot.

**9.00** **Andrew Marr's History of the World.** The broadcaster charts the age of revolution, from the 17th and 18th centuries, when the world rose up in the name of freedom.

**10.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

**10.25** **Match of the Day 2.** Including highlights of Chelsea v Manchester United.

**11.45** **NFL London Highlights.** St Louis Rams v New England Patriots.

**12.45** **The Graham Norton Show.** James Bond special, featuring Daniel Craig and Javier Bardem. (R) **1.30** Weatherview. **1.35** Sign of the Times: Writing Work. (R) **2.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **3.35** The Paradise. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

**BBC2**

**6.00** (GMT) CBeebies. (GMT) Zippy. **6.10** Firefly the Fire Engine. (R) **6.20** Little Robots. (R) **6.30** Zoo Lane. (R) **6.45** Rastamouse. (R) **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off Revisited. (R) **12.30** MotoGP. (R) **2.00** Film: Valley of Eagles. (1951) **3.20** Film: Monuments Men. (2014) A Western, starring Gregory Peck, Omar Sharif and Telly Savalas. **5.25** The Teaching Awards 2012.

**6.25** **Fawlty Towers.** Basil tries to stop an unmarried couple lowering moral standards. (R)

**7.00** **Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve.** The adventurer joins a peace-keeping force in war-torn Somalia. (R)

**8.00** **Blackley Park's Last Herbs.** Keeley Hawes narrates the story of how a duo unraveled the secrets of Adolf Hitler's personal code machine – reputedly even more secure than the Enigma device. (R)

**9.00** **Dragons' Den.** A nervous butcher seeks investment for his business selling sausages, and a father-and-daughter duo showcase their troupe of drummers. Evan Davis presents.

**10.00** **Harry & Paul.** New series. Comedy sketches, with Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse.

**10.30** **Hebburn.** Jack hopes to leave his job at the local newspaper. (R)

**11.00** **Never Mind the Buzzcocks.** Hosted by Lee Mack. (R)

**11.30** **Film: Down Terrace.** (2009) Premiere. Crime comedy, starring Robin and Robert Hill.

**1.00** Formula 1: Indian Grand Prix – Highlights. (R) **2.45** BBC News.

**ITV1**

**6.00** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Film: Carry On Jack. (1963) **2.20** The X Factor. (R) **4.15** The Home of Fabulous Cakes. **5.10** Downton Abbey. (R) **6.10** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. The actress visits Prideaux Place, a 16th-century house near Padstow. (R)

**6.35** **Regional Programme;** Weather.

**6.45** **ITV News:** Weather.

**7.00** **Surprise Surprise.** Holly Willoughby and roving reporter Dave Berry and Kian Egan make more dreams come true for unsuspecting members of the public.

**8.00** **The X Factor Results.** Another elimination, and more performances by chart-topping stars.

**9.00** **Downton Abbey.** Edith receives admiration from an unexpected quarter, Matthew refuses to back down over the estate management, and the mystery of Carson's brother causes consternation.

**10.05** **ITV News:** Weather.

**10.20** **Piers Morgan's Life Stories:** Burt Reynolds. The actor talks about his career and personal life. Last in the series. (R)

**11.15** **Premiership Rugby Union.** Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures.

**12.10** **The Store.** Home shopping: ITV News Headlines. **1.25** Golden Balls. (R) **2.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

**CHANNEL 4**

**6.00** (GMT) The Tragically Hip. (R) **6.10** The Hoops. (R) **6.35** Beach Volleyball. (R) **7.30** Channel 4 Presents – Hannah. (R) **7.35** Sandman Triathlon. **8.05** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **11.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** The Simpsons. (R) **12.40** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals. (R) **1.40** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals. (R) **2.10** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals. (R) **2.45** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals. (R) **3.15** Deal or No Deal. **4.15** Film: Fool's Gold. (2008)

**6.25** **Channel 4 News.**

**6.55** **4thought.tv.** A man who believes Christians suffer because of the hostility of atheists.

**7.00** **American Road Trip: Obama's Style.** Matt Frei assesses the US President's term of office.

**8.00** **How Britain Worked.** Guy Martin renovates a saw mill in Wensleydale, North Yorkshire.

**9.00** **Homeland.** Estes authorises an operation to pursue intelligence recovered in Beirut.

**10.00** **Friday Night Dinner.**

**10.30** **Derren Brown: Apocalypse.** Part one: Two. The showman convinces one person they have survived an apocalypse. (R)

**11.35** **The Function Room.** Comedy, starring Kevin Eldon. (R)

**12.10** **American Football Live.** Denver Broncos v New Orleans Saints. (Kick-off 12.20am). **3.45** Channel 4 Presents – Oscar. (R) **3.50** Ultimate Frisbee. (R) **3.55** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.50** Countdown. (R) **5.35** Make Do & Mend. (R)

**CHANNEL 5**

**6.00** (GMT) Milkshake! (GMT) Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.35** Funky Town. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too! (R) **7.10** Bedtime Pyjama Party. (R) **7.25** Play. (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.50** City of Friends. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Botticelli Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.15** Rooby's Travelling Circus. (2004) **10.00** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jezebel. (R) **10.00** Great South Run. **12.00** Looney Tunes. (R) **12.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **12.25** Roary the Animal Clinic. (R) **1.25** Film: The Ghost of Greville Lodge. (2011) **3.15** Film: The Counterfeiterman. (1993). **5.00** Film: Monster House. (2006) **5.50** Film: **5.50** Film: Starpage. (1994) An Egyptologist and a soldier head an expedition through a mysterious portal to an alien planet. Sci-fi adventure, starring Kurt Russell.

**9.00** **Film: Next.** (2007) Premiere. A psychic magician must decide whether to use his talents to prevent a terrorist attack on Los Angeles.

**Thriller,** with Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore and Jessica Biel.

**11.00** **Hatfields & McCoys.** Fact-based drama, starring Kevin Costner and Brad Pitt. (R)

**1.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. **4.45** Rough Guide To... (R) **5.00** Han's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The MasterChef Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**DIGITAL**

**BBC Three** **7.00** (GMT) Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands. **8.00** Gavin & Stacey. **8.00** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents. **10.00** America Dad!. **10.45** Family Guy. **11.30** Michael Wood: The Story of India.

**ITV2** **2.45** Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) **2.50** Take Me Out. **6.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip. **6.45** Film: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) **9.00** The Xtra Factor Results. **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex. **10.50** Giraffes. **11.45** Winners & Losers.

**ITV3** **4.50** Film: Carry on Screaming (1966) **4.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot. **9.00** Film: Bloody Sunday (2002) Fact-based drama, starring James Nesbitt. **11.10** Cracker.

**ITV4** **3.00** The Swingeing. **4.10** Film: The Rat Race. (1996) **6.10** Film: The Rawhide Years (1956) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union. **9.00** Film: The Enforcer (1976). **11.00** Film: Casino (1995).

**4.25** Made in Chelsea. **4.00** Scrubs. **4.25** Suburgatory. **4.45** Revenge. **5.50** The Big Bang Theory. **7.45** Film: Marley and Me (2008) **9.00** Misfits. **11.05** The Work Experience. **11.35** Made in Chelsea.

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

**MONDAY****Bad Boys, Channel 5, 9pm**

Detectives Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett search for a \$100million heroin consignment brazenly stolen by a French drug kingpin from the police evidence room. However, after a mix-up over a phone call from a potential witness, each cop has to assume the other's identity. Michael Bay's action thriller, starring Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Tea Leoni and Chelyky Karyo. (1995)

**TUESDAY****Bad Company, BBC1, 11.30pm**

A secret agent is murdered, leaving his veteran CIA partner to transform the dead man's streetwise twin from an uncouth hustler into a credible replacement for his brother, so the agency can continue its investigation into a dedicated terrorist plot involving a nuclear bomb. Joel Schumacher's comedy thriller, starring Anthony Hopkins, Chris Rock and Peter Stormare. (2002)

**WEDNESDAY****No Way Out, BBC1, 12.10am**

A navy officer unwittingly has an affair with a politician's mistress, and becomes involved in the investigation after she is murdered. However, he soon suspects the plan is to find a scapegoat rather than the real killer – and that he is the most likely candidate to take the fall. Political thriller, starring Kevin Costner, Gene Hackman, Sean Young, Iman and George Dzundza. (1987)

**The Last of the Mohicans, Thursday, Channel 5, 10pm****THURSDAY****The Last of the Mohicans, Channel 5, 10pm**

An orphaned settler is adopted by the last member of a native tribe following the death of his family. The child grows to become legendary frontiersman Hawkeye, who rescues and falls in love with a British officer's daughter during the Anglo-French War in North America. But a bitter Huron war chief is determined to kill her to avenge himself on her father. Michael Mann's period adventure, based on James Fenimore Cooper's classic tale, starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Madeleine Stowe, Russell Means, Wes Studi, Maurice Roeves and Eric Schweig. (1992)

**FRIDAY****Public Enemies, ITV1, 10.35pm**

Fact-based crime drama following the last years of John Dillinger, whose run of bank robberies and daring prison escapes in the 1930s make him both America's most wanted criminal and a hero to a public struggling through the Depression. His career is soon to be cut short by the birth of the FBI, which assigns its most celebrated agent to bring him to justice. Directed by Michael Mann and starring Johnny Depp, Christian Bale and Marion Cotillard. (2009)

**Pick of the Week**

## Star-studded awards show honours heroes

**C**arol Vorderman is one of telly's most talked-about celebrities. If she's not putting the world to rights on *Loose Women*, she's plastered all over the papers because of her ability to perfectly carry off some designer dress or other.

But tonight she, along with a whole host of other famous faces, is taking back seat for this particularly glamorous annual awards do.

Of course, as usual, she's on presenting duties at The Daily Mirror's Pride of Britain Awards 2012 (ITV1, 8pm), held at London's Grosvenor House.

But for one night only, nobody's interested in the who's-who of the audience. Instead, the press and line-up tonight is well and truly turned on the awe-inspiring members of the British public who have gone over and above in the community, and displayed admirable acts of selflessness.

And this year, the ceremony comes with a promise of being 'bigger than ever'. To name but a few, we'll be hearing the stories of a sixteen-year-old girl who risked her own life to save her

sister from the path of a runaway car, a terminally ill teen who has touched millions of people around the world with her blog, parents who raised £1.6million to fulfil their dying son's wish, and a young woman who donated a kidney in a moving legacy to her murdered mum.

Plus, Olympic hero Mo Farrah will be stepping in to honour the inspirational teacher who encouraged him to change paths as a teenage teen.

He's now a double gold medalist, the teacher obviously did something right.

Ms Vorderman explains why she's so proud to be part of such an amazing night: "It's always such a great evening being Pride of Britain. For me, it is the only awards show on TV that really matters because the winners are real people who could not be more deserving."

"Over the past 13 years, there have been so many heart-warming, inspiring stories of people who have contributed so much to this country. It's a chance for us to celebrate Britain at its best and I'm not surprised it has

become the biggest national event of its kind."

Prince Charles takes part in the event every year, and speaks just as highly of the awards ceremony. He says: "The Pride of Britain Awards are, I believe, a unique way to celebrate the achievements of some truly remarkable people, and hear something of their inspiring and humbling stories."

"These marvellous awards remind all of us that, despite what one might think throughout this country there are extraordinary people living selfless lives, showing unbelievable courage and caring for their families, neighbours and communities."

Ashley's beloved dog Pudsey of *Britain's Got Talent* are among those taking part.

Along with BGT judge David Walliams, Amanda Holden, while luminaries such as Stephen Fry, Prime Minister David Cameron and David Beckham will all be present to celebrate the nation's heroes.

Have your hankies at the ready and prepare to be uplifted for one of the most moving shows of the week.

**The Pride of Britain Awards 2012, Tuesday, ITV1, 8pm**

## Best of the Rest

**Monday****50 Years of Bond Cars: A Top Gear Special****BBC2, 9pm**

As the name suggests, what we have here is a one-hour tribute to half a century of James Bond cars. It comes with presenter Richard Hammond as standard, features plenty of classic clips from 007 epics, and the sort of motors that can leave viewers drooling. For example, who could forget the Aston Martin from *Goldfinger*, or the submersible Lotus from *The Spy Who Loved Me*? No 007 tribute would be complete without Daniel Craig's input, and he was thrilled to take old favourite out for a spin for new movie *Skyfall*. "It's no secret we've got the old DB5 in this, and the buttons are all there, so I get to play with them," he smiles.

**New Tricks****BBC1, 9pm**

Cast your mind back to the beginning of this series of *New Tricks* – Jack Halford was still in the UCOS fold, none of the team had heard of Steve McAndrew, and high-ranking Whitehall official Stephen Fisher wanted the team to solve a murder that took place over a century ago. Well, it doesn't look like Jack is ever coming back, but in the last episode of the current series, Tim McInnerny reprises his role as Fisher. It turns out he's been targeted by an assassin.

**Tuesday****The Paradise****BBC1, 9pm**

There's a little bit of excitement in the department store this week, which makes a nice change from

the usual doom and gloom. When exotic birds arrive to be sold at the Paradise, it brightens up Pauline's day – so much so that she offers to man the counter in a bid to impress Sam. However, the good moods, of course, don't last too long, as one of the birds makes its escape, leaving Pauline panic-stricken and Sam determined to help her rectify her mistake before Moray hears what's happened.

**Operation Iceberg****BBC2, 9pm**

So, what do we know about icebergs? Well, they're usually absolutely massive, are made of ice, and one was instrumental in the sinking of the *Titanic*. Oh yeah, and them melting due to global warming isn't a good thing. Well, you're about to learn a whole lot more thanks to this two-part documentary in which naturalist Chris Packham, ocean expert Helen Czerski, diver Andy Torbet, cameraman Doug Allan and doctor Chris Van Tulleken embark on an expedition to the Arctic to trace the life cycle of one of these giants of the seas.

**Wednesday****Brazil with Michael Palin****BBC1, 9pm**

If you say the words 'Michael Palin in Brazil' to any discerning film fan, they will immediately picture the former Python portraying a sinister torturer Jack Lint in Terry Gilliam's 1985 sci-fi fantasy. So

far, the actor has proved far friendlier in this travelogue series. Tonight, he travels by river from the country's northern border with Venezuela to the capital, Brasilia, and while en route he visits indigenous tribe the Yanomami. He learns of a threat to their hunter-gatherer lifestyle posed by the encroachment of the modern world.

**Thursday****Autumnwatch 2012****BBC2, 8pm**

When it comes to the great outdoors, Chris Packham is your go-to man. What he doesn't know about the world's nature, probably isn't all that worth knowing. Of course, Chris is in good company in his hosting duties here as he takes position alongside the ever-smiley Michaela Strachan and Martin Hughes-Games. There's plenty to report back from last night's stake-out, giving us an insight into the expertly concealed world of nocturnal animals.

**Young Apprentice****BBC1, 8pm**

It's a sign of just how long the 'grown-up' Apprentice has been on the air that some people complained that last series was predictable, despite the fact that it was eventually won by a part-time wrestler called Ricky

Martin. So perhaps this new series of *Young Apprentice* will keep the moaners quiet, because while the previous runs may have shown that Britain's teens have apparently mastered the art of power-dressing, they haven't yet learned all the business clichés spouted by the adults.

**Friday****Jonathan & Charlotte****ITV1, 9pm**

Even though it's The X Factor that's making the headlines at the moment, the likes of Rylan, Ella Henderson, Lucy Spraggan and co aren't the only potential new singing stars to be unearthed during 2012. This year's *Britain's Got Talent* introduced us to Essex teenagers Jonathan and Charlotte who, despite being pipped in the final by a dancing dog, have gone on to sign a reported £1million record deal. Here, cameras follow the duo as they get used to their newfound fame.

**Me and Mrs Jones****BBC1, 9.30pm**

Sarah Alexander knows a good sitcom script when she sees one. She's previously delighted us with *Coupling* and *Green Wing*, and has once again proved to be fantastic in this fabulous comedy as a single mum whose complicated life sees her juggling love, affection, sex and motherhood while coping with an ex-husband, one grown-up son, two young daughters and two male admirers – with a 20-year age gap. This week, everyone gathers at the bar to celebrate Alfie's birthday, where Gemma finds herself persuading Billy to start dating another woman.

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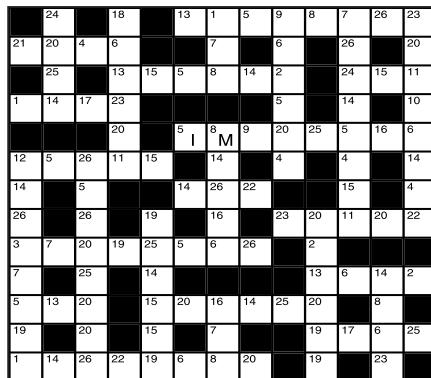
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**What's On!****Brain Gym**

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**Codeword**

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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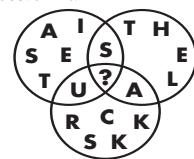
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**Circlegram**

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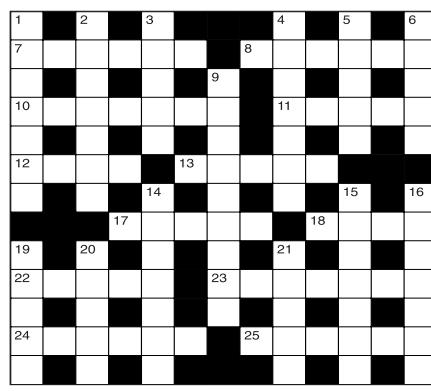
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

**Cryptic Clues:****Across**

- Ladies may become such models (6)
- Illicit way to transfer stock (6)
- People who live near it have little latitude (7)
- Short, but not necessarily sweet, so to speak (5)
- Point to a wood from the window (4)
- Unlikely to be outwitted or feel pain (5)
- A place to be occupied in the Albert Hall (5)
- Hear about an ostrich (4)
- After round afterwards (5)
- It's easily taken by sensitive people to be a crime (7)
- What a judge may do with a man in debt? (6)
- A leader perhaps, but he won't lead (6)
- Attitude taken by a navigator (7)
- Bob could be English (7)
- Rushes to find vocations (7)
- Such panic may be started by fire or burglary (5)
- An impressive sign of temper (5)
- Letter included in the draft erroneously (5)

**Down**

- Unusual seaside shingles for example (7)
- Ask for another search? (7)
- It's material for the clergy (5)
- Run true to form in training (7)
- Back at sea? Grim! (5)
- Not what landladies should do to boarders! (5)
- A burning romance somehow holds it up (9)
- Well conducted; 2 Tango; 3 Heel; 4 Denial; 5 Entwines; 6 Shatter; 7 Standing order; 12 Patience; 13 Bygones; 15 Flight; 18 Rotor; 19 Name, QUICK - Across; 1 Catch; 4 Depress; 8 Nominal; 9 Topic; 10 Eros; 11 Aggrieve; 13 Stop; 14 Pass; 16 Nativity; 17 Rose; 20 Idler; 21 Relieve; 22 Larceny; 23 Press. Down: 1 Consequential; 2 Tempo; 3 Hang; 4 Deluge; 5 Paternal; 6 Express; 7 Secretiveness; 12 Converse; 13 Settler; 15 Stormy; 18 Obese; 19 Clap.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
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**Sudoku**

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

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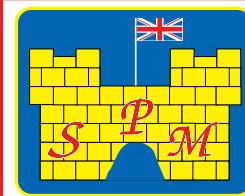
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On the ground floor the lounge, 13ft 3in by 12ft 4in, has a feature fireplace and patio door to the dining room which measures 11ft 11in by 10ft 5in.

A refitted kitchen, 8ft 5in by 8ft 4in, has a range of units

with roll edge work surfaces, one and a half bowl sink/drainer with mixer tap and recess for cooker and frieze.

There is also a utility room/WC with plumbing for washing machine, space for tumble dryer and low level toilet, and a garden room measuring 8ft by 4ft 8in.

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## Make sure wash is a full one

When using your dishwasher or washing machine make sure the load is full as this can save gallons of water.

## A shower of savings

Spend less time in the shower and even turn off the tap in-between rinses while washing your hair. If you aim to spend no more than two minutes in the shower it will go a long way to helping cut down on your water usage.

## Rationalise tea-making

Fill the kettle with only as much water as you need as this will save both water and energy. Using a cup to measure out the amount of water you put into your kettle will help reduce the strain on your bank account as well as on the UK's water resources!

## Fix your leaks

Those leaky taps can waste gallons of water. It is estimated that just one drop a second from a dripping tap wastes



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nearly 5,000 litres of water a year. So spend the plumber in and get it fixed.

Having a new washer fitted will be a lot cheaper than the cost of the water a leak causes.

## If you can, use it twice

Never let water down the drain if you can use it again. You can re-use your washing-up water to water your plants and garden. Washing up liquid is harmless to our growing friends so recycle the used dish water. You can even water plants with your used vegetable cooking water.

## Keep it cool

Keeping a bottle of water in the fridge avoids you having to run the tap for a while and waste water while you wait for it to run cold. You can then refill the water bottle as you need it and even use the water left over in your kettle to be super-efficient.

## Wash your dishes

When washing dishes by hand, don't

let the water run while rinsing. Try filling one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water and wash up everything in one go.

## Keep your greens green

However, you can wash your fruits and vegetables in a single bowl of water instead of running water from the tap through a colander.

## Forget hose, use a bucket

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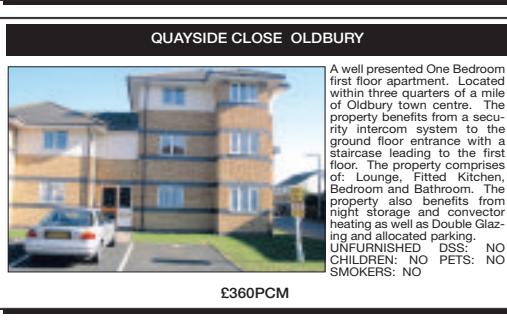
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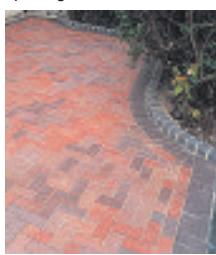
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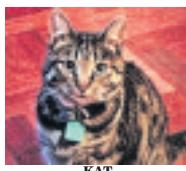
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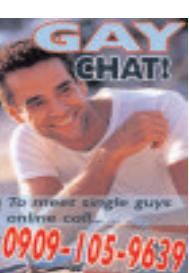
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## Driving a new Golf from VW is like being in seventh heaven

WHEN a car designer tells you the fuel filler flap is "rather special" it's not hard to deduce that many, many man hours have been sweated over the car this little metal cover is attached to.

The car in question is the latest VW Golf, seventh in a line that stretches back 38 years and more than 29 million cars. So yes, you could say getting the Golf right is important for the people in the design department.

And everyone within Volkswagen itself, for that matter.

A quarter of all new VWs sold in Europe are Golfs; in Britain it's more still – almost one in three.

So no wonder VW takes care when it's time for a new one (it arrives here in January).

To many eyes this latest Golf (Mk VII) is the best looking of the lot, and still very obviously a Golf.

Back to the same designer quoted above: it's important you can tell you're looking at a Golf (any Golf) from 200 yards away.

There are, in fact, a host of safety and luxury features offered that have been drawn down from cars in the class above,

including adaptive cruise control that keeps a set distance to the vehicle ahead and suspension with five driver-selected settings. And talking of suspension, this new Golf rides quite beautifully, subtly levelling out the sometimes bumpy Sardinian roads chosen to show off the newcomer.

Add in a quality interior that makes you wonder why anyone would choose a dearer new Audi A3 (a fine car in its latest guise, but a new Golf underneath) when they go shopping for a classless hatchback.

Automatic

The new Golf goes on sale here in January, costing from £16,330 for the entry level 1.2 litre S to £24,625 for the range topping GT 2.0 litre TDI 150 with the quite excellent DSG automatic gearbox.

It took only a very few miles in both a 1.4 litre petrol and 2.0 litre diesel to reveal a car that's instant five star material.

The 1.4 petrol impressed with plenty of punch and you'd never know that two of the engine's four cylinders close down on light throttle to save fuel.

You can hear the engine more in the diesel, but it's a distant sporty hum that



The seventh edition of Volkswagen's superstar Golf starts at £16,330

adds to the drive rather than proving a noisy distraction.

Neither car has quite the nimble enthusiasm for a corner you'll find in a Focus, but they feel so grown up and polished you

don't want the journey to end.

The designers must already be gently imagining what they'll do when Golf Mk VIII is needed in a few years' time. I don't envy their task...

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## Hights and lows from weekend challenge

### Wordsley Wasps U12 2 Stourbridge U12 0

### Stourbridge U12A 3 Aylestone Park U12 1

GOALS from Rohan Brown, Hayden Reeves and Dylan Multani gave Stourbridge the win.

### Stourbridge U12B 2 Wolverhampton Olympic U12 2

Stourbridge took a point with a last-minute equaliser. They fell behind from a defensive mix-up but levelled via Ritchie Cartwright.

A second-half penalty saw them trail but Ellis Simpson equalised late on.

### Stourbridge U13A 5 Wolverhampton Casuals U13 0

### Stourbridge U13B 9 West Hagley West U13 2

Brooke Price's hat-trick helped in this big win.

Jack Davies got two and there were goals by man of the match Liam Hands, Liam Green, Ryan Woodhouse and James Roberts.

### Swindon U14 1 Stourbridge U14A 2

Stourbridge scored in their second attack and grabbed a late winner.

A long ball from Ross Pritchard released Alex Lowe who centred for Luke Groves to sidetop home.

Despite two fine saves by Niall Maher, Swindon equalised after 20 minutes.

The second half saw Swindon dominate but, with a minute left, Groves secured an undeserved win.

### Oakland Colts U14 4 Stourbridge U14B 0

Oaklands scored with a calm finish past keeper James Meek.

Stourbridge forced several corners, but a defensive error gave Oaklands a second.

In the second half, the visitors started well but did not trouble the keeper.

Oaklands then dominated and hit two further goals.

### Dudley Town U15 2 Stourbridge U15 A 0

### Mostyn Rangers U15 3 Stourbridge U15 B 0

After recent poor performances in the league and last week's shock exit in the cup, Stourbridge fared much better in arguably their hardest game of the season.

Stourbridge competed well and didn't deserve to be a goal down at half-time against last season's champions.

They played with heart and determination but conceded two further goals.

### Aylestone Park U16 1 Stourbridge U16 A 0

Goals from Sthurbridge U17 Girls 3 Withymoor U17 Girls 1

## Form team success

### Kingswinford 8 Kidderminster 1

KINGSWINFORD continued their run of form as Billy Jawanda bagged a hat-trick.

Passing between Cole Hickman and Jawanda led to the latter's shot being saved, but Kam Mann tucked away the rebound.

Mann struck again minutes later but Kidderminster roused themselves only for Jawanda to flick in from close range.

Ten minutes from half-time Ajay Sandhu scored. Jawanda struck before the whistle and completed his hat-trick after good work by Gary Oates and Guneet Uppal.

Kidderminster scored with a quick counter but Bal Lally sent an unorthodox effort over the Kidderminster keeper and Lally scored from a short corner.

### Tamworth 3 Kingswinford 2

Kingswinford seconds lost their unbeaten record, despite a brace for Surjit Takhar.

Tamworth pressed hard, testing the back four. Jassi Bhadal and Sarj Takhar danced through the Tamworth midfield to be thwarted by last-ditch tackles.

Tamworth weak shot went through the legs of stranded keeper Harry Bains but that allowed Kingswinford to play the ball for Takhar to produce magical stickwork, beat three defenders and score.

Tamworth regained the lead from a short corner, but Takhar again danced into the opposition D and levelled. A lapse in concentration and a lack of communication at the back saw Tamworth pinch the winner.

## Lions are out of sight

### Shrewsbury 14

### Stourbridge Lions 27

STOURBRIDGE Lions punished Shrewsbury for a slow start, inflicting what was the home side's sixth successive defeat in all competitions.

Stourbridge racked up all of their points in a first half which saw them well clear at the break, leading 27-7.

Shrewsbury managed to add a converted try in the second half.

However, the Lions saw out the game in relative comfort to take the victory.



Lions' Sam Moore tries to evade tackler Sam Wycherley

Relief at a point after flying start wiped out

### Bideford 2 Stourbridge 2

STOURBRIDGE had a flying start on a first visit to Bideford but left relieved to have an Evo-Stik Southern Premier point.

On 22 seconds Ben Billingham swept the ball to Paul Lloyd and, although his cross was headed clear, Sean Geddes put the ball back in.

It landed in the middle for Drew Canavan to turn and shoot low past keeper Paul Hider. Canavan added a second after five minutes.

Defender Rob Farkins made a meal of a back-pass to his keeper and Canavan shot home as Farkins tried to cover the goal.

Bideford cut the deficit in the 10th minute through Sean Downing but Canavan almost got a hat-trick on 23 minutes as Connor Clifford headed his chip out.

Bideford had the better of the rest of the half and began the second strongly.

On the hour Bideford's Kevin Squire hooked a volley past Solly.

Matt Andrew went close for the hosts in the 69th minute and shortly afterwards as Stourbridge struggled to stay on level terms.

Canavan forced Hider into a save from a rising drive but in the 82nd minute Squire lifted his shot over the bar although he was offside.

Two minutes later Farkins lofted into the Stourbridge box, where Downing headed into Solly's arms.

With four minutes Downing was through on goal, but Solly did well to block his shot before Watkins wastefully struck the rebound over the bar.

Clean sheet for third away win

### Callowbrook Swifts Colts U11 0 West Hagley East U11 3

WEST HAGLEY took their third successive away win in round two of the Central Warwickshire League Shield.

They impressed going forward, with good goals for George Edmonds, Finley Andrews-Wood and Charlie Cinnamon.

But there was also defending to do, and West Hagley kept a clean sheet by repelling a series of corners.

### Legion Lions 5 Halas Hawks 1

Legion Lions remain unbeaten in Stourbridge League Division One after a fine victory.

Callum Shirley and Daniel Danks were among the goals.

# Saxons are at their best against adventurers

**AN ADVENTUROUS** Otley outfit were on the receiving end of the Saxons' best performance to date this season.

Unveiling a more complete game than has previously been on show, the Stourbridge forwards provided a steady flow of quick, clean ball that provided their three-quarters plenty of time and space.

Caolan Ryan got the Saxons on the scoreboard first with an early penalty, but the opening try for league top try scorer Drew Harper came from a trademark long-range Saxons lineout catch and driving maul.

Ryan landed another penalty before Otley secured a scrum just short of the Saxons tryline.

With a big Saxons drive on the Otley No.8 fumbled and the ball secured by captain Nathan Bressington, shipped quickly left down the backline where it found Tom Jarvis at pace.

With the Otley defence skinned he drew the full-back and fed Jamie Hearn to run it in from the halfway line.

### Magnificent

Otley scored with a penalty before a magnificent last-ditch Ryan tackle pulled down Otley's full-back just short of the line.

Saxons counter-attacked to the right, quickly recycled and moved it left where Ben Hughes lurked in the outfit field. He broke through before feeding Hearn who crossed for his second try and a half-time score of 25-3.

Ryan landed another penalty before Otley tried to clear with a high infield kick secured by Jarvis in his own half.

Having repelled Otley's final foray into their 22 the Saxons moved the ball left

### Stourbridge Saxons 68 Otley 10



Eijke Uzoigwe on the way to scoring a Saxons try



Hat-trick scorer Jamie Hearn sidesteps an opponent

where a neat Sione shipped left where Jordan Tuipolotu inside pass put Baker clear as he came in from the right wing. With options inside and out he fed Eijke Uzoigwe to score.

Robbie Hurrell fed an inside pass to Pete White who clipped the defender and regathered, leaving a simple draw and give to provide the supporting Hearn with his hat-trick.

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Coach Mike Umaga said: "We showed a further dimension to our game today,

greater cohesion as a team with the performance of the backs complementing the work of the forwards.

"We showed some good stuff in attack and dispelled any myths about us being one-trick ponies.

"But our defensive efforts were outstanding. We will hold a side to nil once we hit our straps."



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Natalie's  
a golden  
girl with  
six of best

STOURBRIDGE Swimming Club's Natalie Dingley was the golden girl of an open meeting at Gloucester.

Dingley won gold in all six of her events.

Tom McCallum was also on top form, winning five golds and three silvers from eight events.

Their efforts were part of a 96-medal haul from Stourbridge's 37 swimmers which secured the top club award.

Numerous personal best times were posted, including a number of regional qualifying standard.

Other Stourbridge medalists were: Euan Coxon, Bethan Walters, Emma Pay, Aiden Duffy, Aaron Costigan, Samuel Matthews, Alisha Stephenson, Connie Boden, Katie Boden, Tom Parker, Lauren Sanders, Ellie Wood, Aimee Sanders, Joe Hamilton, Jonathon Baker, Kieran Furnell, Megan Dudley, Callum Faulkner, Lucy Furnell, Alex Westwood, Niamh Donovan, Phoebe Sutton, and Edward Povey.

Stourbridge Swimming Club competitors also took home medals for finishing in the top eight in each age group. These swimmers were: Isabel Barnsley, Amelia Faulkner, Grace Fellows, Matthew McCallum, Shane Hazel, Geena Hill, Charley Jones, Jack Morgan, Beth Tetsil and Kai Totney.

Head coach Stewart Nicklin said: "This has been a fabulous weekend."

## First team outgraded

STOURBRIDGE Chess Club's weakened first team were heavily outgraded at Tamworth and went down 4-2 in the Birmingham Division Two match.

On board one, Dave Scriven made a mistake in the opening and was quickly punished in defeat.

Paul Sharratt and Steve Jukes both played well to draw against higher-rated opponents. Hero of the night was John Loynes, who played a spectacular bishop sacrifice to win his game.

The B team played against Boldmere St Michael in Division Two of the Wolverhampton League. Boldmere led 2-1-5 with two games adjudged.

Anyone wishing to play or improve their game should call Dave Scriven on 01384 423642 or visit www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk

## Sam's the man to continue ring progress

by Craig Birch

STOURBRIDGE'S Sam Egginton continues to come of age as one of the youngest professional boxers in the country made it two wins in two bouts at Birmingham.

British Boxing Board of Control rules state that fighters cannot turn pro until they are 18 and Egginton, who only turned 19 last week, made his debut in September.

As an amateur boxing out of Warley ABC amateur, 'Sam the Man' won two national titles, claiming Clubs for Young People and ABA Novice titles and reaching a junior ABA semi-final.

His pro turn appeared rushed but the

father-of-one, a forklift driver by day, looks to have the drive for the paid ranks as evidenced by his welterweight duel at the Holiday Inn on Friday night.

Doncaster's Charlie Thompson was back from the bell and showed his durability in the first round, with his legs buckling from a crunching right hook that landed on the button.

A left hook to the temple should have finished him off in the second but Thompson fought back to rock the ribcage of Egginton

with a low barrage of right and left hooks in the third.

Egginton tested Thompson's chin with a stiff uppercut in the fourth but his opponent stood firm to go the distance, with the Stourbridge combatant declared the victor by three rounds to one, 39-37.

He said: "I like hard fights, I have had two strong opponents so let's see what happens next. In my next fight, I want the same test.

"I was 19 last Monday and it's a good way to celebrate, I am young but I have always been told I am mature, I must feel that to be here.

"I can't wait for the next one, I can fight and hit and when I get sharper I shall be kicking on."

Egginton went away from home on his pro bow and took the undefeated record of Leon Findlay and beat another fighter with three wins on his record this time.

The teenager said: "We were both very busy, I put on a good performance and I came out as the winner. I saw him wobble a bit but he was strong."

"Some of my punches were very clean and I was waiting for him to drop, but he came back stronger and it was hard."

Final slot pushes darter up rankings

STOURBRIDGE'S Nick Fullwell achieved his best-ever finish on darts' PDC Pro Tour by reaching the final of the Players Championship in Ireland.

The 43-year-old walked away with £3,000 and jumped 26 places in the Order of Merit world rankings, going from 112th to 86th.

Fullwell was on the verge of his maiden ranking title on Sunday but in-form Dutchman Michael van Gerwen ended his dreams with a 6-5 final game victory.

Fullwell's weekend in Killarney had begun with a third round finish on Saturday, ending with a 6-1 defeat to Andy 'Pie' Man Smith.

But Gerry O'Hara and then, impressively, former BDO world champion Richie Burnett were dispatched, 6-2 and 6-4 respectively.

Returning to the oche at the Gleneagle Hotel in Killarney on Sunday, Fullwell was paired against another formidable foe in Robert Thornton.

The Scotsman is the reigning UK Open champion and knocked Phil Taylor out of the Grand Prix but failed to Fullwell 6-5.

Former world youth champion Aaron Monk was next up in another game that went the full 11 legs before a 6-4 victory over Mick Egan ensured Fullwell would better his run from the previous day, where he enjoyed a 6-1 success over Brian Woods.

That got him to the quarter-finals, where he defeated John Henderson 6-2 to set up a meeting with Peter Wright in the last four.

Fullwell's 6-4 win ensured he met van Gerwen in the final.

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STOURBRIDGE race ace Matt Neal just missed out in his bid to retain the British Touring Car championship.

Neal took victory in the first race of the final round, held at Brands Hatch, Kent.

But first-time winners Aron Smith and Frank Wrathall were victorious in the second and third races and it was Fife's Gordon Shedden who took enough points to fend off the challenge at the top and emerge as champion.

He became the first Scottish driver to lift the prize since his own hero, John Cleland, in 1995.

Lichfield's Andrew Jordan collected the Independent Drivers' Trophy to give teams using the Honda Civic car all five BTCC titles.

Honda/Dynamics took the Manufacturers/Constructors Championship and the Honda Yuasa Racing Team and Pirtek Racing the outright Hi-Q and Independent teams' trophies respectively.

Tom Onslow-Cole's eBay Motors BMW had taken pole position in Saturday's dry qualifying session. But in Sunday's first race he could only finish third behind Neal and Jordan in their Civics. Shedden took fifth with his then closest challenger, MG KX Momentum Racing's Jason Plato, eighth.

**Standings**

In race two, Dubliner Smith was unstoppable in Redstone Racing's Ford Focus, but second place and the fastest lap for Shedden was enough for him to put the title out of his rivals' reach. Neal was third to move back up to second in the standings past Oxford's Plato who finished in fifth.

The last race of the season was won by Wrathall in a Toyota Avensis.

Taking second, third and fourth in a spectacular line-up was won by Wrathall in a Toyota Avensis.

Shedden finished with 408 points, Neal 387 and Plato 376.



Wet going for Stourbridge ace Matt Neal as he takes a race victory at Brands Hatch. Pictures: Darren Price



Neal takes a drink at Brands



Neal, right, and Gordon Shedden crack open the bubbly after their success

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## Glassboys' relief

Flying start, but Stourbridge end up happy with a point  
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